



Dorothy Jane Gregory Novak

March 31, 1936 - October 6, 2010

Dorothy Jane Gregory Novak Dorothy Jane Gregory Novak, life-time resident of New Waverly, Texas, passed away on October 3, 2010 at age 74. She was born on March 31, 1936, in New Waverly, to Tony and Alice Gregory. Dorothy graduated from New Waverly High School in 1952 and pursued a career in nursing from 1958 to 1986. She worked for Thomas Cole, Sr. and Dr. V.B. Veasey in Huntsville and eventually worked for Thomas Cole, Jr. She married Johnny F. Novak on June 25, 1960. She loved gardening, canning foods and baking. Dorothy was well known for her “sock it to me” cakes. She was a lifetime member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in New Waverly and was involved in numerous activities including, the Altar Society, Eucharist Minister and Homecoming server. Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Alice Gregory. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 50 years, Johnny F. Novak; sons, Greg Novak and wife Karen of Willis, TX and Mark Novak of Montgomery, TX; grandchildren Colby Novak and Kyle Novak; brother-in-law Tom Novak and wife Le of Malakoff, TX; special friends, Louise Slott and Sara Barte. The family would like to acknowledge her special caregivers, Stacy Wyman, Vicki Wilson and Patty Schuman at Consider the Lilies Home Health Care in Huntsville, TX and all at Park Manor Nursing/Rehabilitation Home in Conroe, TX. A Catholic Mass for Dorothy will be held Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 11:00 a.m., at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in New Waverly, Texas with Father Kim Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow at Elmina Cemetery in New Waverly. Family will receive friends

Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Rosary to start at 7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville. Memorial donations may be made to: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 101 Elmore St., New Waverly, Texas 77358 or New Waverly Public Library, 9372 State Highway 75 South, New Waverly, Texas 77358. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Jane Gregory Novak*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear John and family, I am so sorry to hear about Dorothy, she was a beautiful woman with the most loving heart and always ready to give it to whoever was in needed. May all of your hearts be comforted in your time of sorrow and may God be your rock as the days go on. So sorry I am just finding this out, but just wanting you all to know we loved her very much and will be thinking of you.*

Pam Wells - November 26, 2010 at 09:32 AM

VD

“ Dear Johnny, Greg, Mark, and Family,

We were out of the country when we learned about Dorothy passing away. It made me very sad.

My first memories of Dorothy go back many years to when she was still single and working in the West Drug Store in New Waverly. She sold many ice cream cones to a little girl named Vergie Decker. I thought she was beautiful (and she was!).

Next, there were those many years when she worked as a nurse for Dr. Veasey and Dr. Coles. She was always so upbeat and happy and caring -- that being the best medicine for so many people. I always loved her for giving my parents such special attention there as they aged.

Then, as I became one of Greg's and Mark's elementary teachers, I knew her as a loving and concerned mom -- always making sure that her boys were doing the best they could. And you made her proud!!

Over the years, -- church, weddings, baby showers, illnesses, funerals -- Dorothy was always there doing more than her share to make sure that everyone was taken care of. She loved people, and we all loved her.

And, of course, how she loved her grandsons! How fortunate they are to have had such a wonderful grandmother!

I never pass a field of bluebells without thinking of Dorothy and how she loved those flowers and how she could make beautiful altar arrangements from them. By knowing Dorothy, so many of us have beautiful memories that will keep her in our hearts forever. And even though I know that you are still grieving, your precious memories will ease your pain as time goes by.

*God bless you,
Vergie Dotson*

Vergie Dotson - October 19, 2010 at 12:11 PM

LH

“ *Dear John, Mark and Greg...*

I had the pleasure of personally knowing Ms. Dorothy for a brief period of time. However, I was able to know her through my daughter Stacy. Stacy always had upbeat stories and events to share when she left the loving home that John and Dorothy provided. At intervals, it was not clear who was taking care of whom!! (Stacy is now proficient in the kitchen) Dorothy did treat Stacy as a family member and the love was mutual. She was a great lady and will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Take care and God bless you all.

Linda

Linda Hendricks - October 15, 2010 at 10:32 AM

LY

“ *Mark*

I just found out about your Mother. I am so sorry. She was a very loving and caring person. Everytime she came into the dealership she always gave me a hug. She was very kind and warm and would make my day to see her. She will be missed. You and your family are in my Prayers

Lena Young

Lena Young - October 08, 2010 at 09:29 AM

SD

“ To the Novak Family, what a kind and loving person Dorothy was. I worked with her at Dr. Cole Jr.s office and will never forget her kind compassion toward all and her wonderful sense of humor. She was a true friend to all. God bless you and ease your sorrow.

Susan Dean - October 07, 2010 at 08:22 PM

MC

“ To the Novak Family-I am so sorry to hear about Dorothy's passing. I was very lucky to know Dorothy ..as she worked with my Mom at the Drs office...my thoughts and prayers are with you

Mary Beth Kaltwasser Cook - October 07, 2010 at 06:51 PM

BS

“ I just learned of Dorothy's passing today. I am so sorry that I was not there to celebrate her life yesterday. She was a wonderful woman and such a good friend to our family. We are thinking of you. Always,
Brandi Stephenson

Brandi Stephenson - October 07, 2010 at 12:38 PM

KL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Mrs. Novak was a very special lady. A kind and gentle soul. One thing I will always remember is that anytime we parted ways she always told me that she loved me.....and I never had a doubt about it! I loved her too. Greg and Mark, you were very fortunate to have her this long, you will cherish your memories and I know you will miss her terribly, there is no one like mama. May God Bless you all.

Kelly Hoeser LeGeune - October 06, 2010 at 12:06 PM

LC

“ To the Novak Family, especially Greg. I was at your Parents home earlier this summer and had a chance to visit with both your Mother and Father. They both enjoyed this visit as much as I did. I am so glad to have had this chance to visit with both of them because we don't know when our time is up on this earth. My deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family, but remember that *Earth Has No Sorrows That The Heavens Cannot Heal*. Your Mother is now in a safe place and is resing with Our Heavenly Father. Just a word of cheer, Mrs. Novak gave me plenty of shots at Dr. Cole's office!

From: Lavena Clark Cain

Lavena Clark Cain - October 05, 2010 at 09:15 PM

MO

“ John, Greg, Mark and family,
Dorothy was always so special to me. My confirmation name is Dorothy chosen because of her impact in my life. She was a lovely lady and always had a smile. I know she will be greatly missed.

All of you are in our prayers.

*Love,
Marilyn Tafelski Olszak*

Marilyn & Doug Olszak - October 05, 2010 at 07:41 PM

ME

“ To The Novak Family, Especially Greg and Karen. May God give you the peace to carry on at this hard time. The entire family has my deepest sympathy. Always remember God takes the best, and prepares the rest! Much Love!! Monica Riley- Ellis

Monica Riley- Ellis - October 05, 2010 at 04:50 PM

CW

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to each of you at this time. Mrs. Novak was such a wonderful person!

Carolyn & Jerry Watson - October 05, 2010 at 04:48 PM

MB

“ John, Greg, Mark, Kolby and Kyle Our condolences to you all. It is not often that someone touches your life and leaves such a lasting impression as Dorothy did ours. She was a kind, gentle and a giving person and we will remember her always. We are left with the memories of all the laughter and times we shared together. May the Peace Of The Lord be with you.
Mike and Janet

Mike & Janet Baust - October 05, 2010 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ To John, Greg, Mark and Family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I have such fond memories to cherish of all of you, and Dorothy. May God be with you.
God Bless,
Carol Schansema
(past caregiver)

Carol Schansema - October 05, 2010 at 01:44 PM

MR

“ To the Novak family-
I don't know if you all remember me , but I took care of Mrs. Novak last year as a home health nurse. She was a very sweet and loving person and always had a smile and kind word despite her long term illness. I always enjoyed seeing her and was very glad to care for her. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. I know Dorothy is with the Lord now and has all her walking abilities and is very happy with her Savior.
Sincerely,
Marcia Abernathy RN

Marcia Abernathy RN - October 05, 2010 at 01:23 PM

PB

“ Greg & Family,Dorothy was a Great Woman.I loved her as she was my mom.You are in our Thought & Prayers.Your mom will be missed dearly.

Patricia & Burk Backhus - October 05, 2010 at 11:33 AM

VW

“ I had the opportunity to get to know Dorothy on the road to Branson. I so enjoyed Dorothy's genuine Christian care and concern for others. She always asked about my family. Her life is a great testimony of life well lived. I am praying for your family.

Vance Whitmore, First Baptist Church, Willis

Vance Whitmore - October 05, 2010 at 10:52 AM

EI

“ Greg and Family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May God give you strength and comfort as you remember fun times and share great memories!

Erica Dodson Imhoff - October 05, 2010 at 10:08 AM

BA

“ To Greg, Johnny and Mark: May God wrap his loving arms around you at this time. Dorothy (Dot) as I always called her, was probably the most precious friend anyone could ever ask for or have. She was always so loving and so kind and she was certainly a true friend to the whole Gardner family(my family.) Everyone of us will miss her and hope and pray for peace for your family.

Barbara (Lunsford) Allen

Barbara Lunsford Allen - October 04, 2010 at 09:41 PM

SG

“ Dear Mark,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Mom was so kind and thoughtful always thinking of others before herself. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers as well as all your family. I know she was so proud of you and rightfully so as you became a fine man that anyone would be proud to call a son. Bless you during these times and know so many Love and Care about You and your family.
Sincerely,
Sheila Greer

Sheila Greer - October 04, 2010 at 09:27 PM

SA

“ *Mrs. Novak was always so kind when ever I saw her. She treated my Mom like a long lost friend. I always appreciated her kindness. My thoughts are with the whole family.*

Shelly Gerbasi Allen - October 04, 2010 at 08:32 PM

RH

“ *Such a loss is and will be so hard to understand and accept, so it is very important to remember all the wonderful memories and times spent with your loved one. You know she is in God's care, and so my friends are you. May God walk with you in your time of grief, and give you strength to face each new day. You are all in our prayers. Ron and Connie Hoisington*

Ron and Connie Hoisington - October 04, 2010 at 06:11 PM

AH

“ *Dear Mark, my heart goes out to you and your family. Your mom was a great one of a kind woman,always caring about others before herself, she will truely be missed by more of us than you would imagine. You are in our prayers and thoughts these coming days. Annette and Chelsea Harris*

ANNETTE C HARRIS - October 04, 2010 at 05:28 PM

MV

“If you can find a truly good wife, she is worth more than precious gems! Her husband can trust her, and she will richly satisfy his needs... She is energetic, a hard worker, and watches for bargains. She works far into the night! She sews for the poor, and generously gives to the needy... She is a woman of strength and dignity, and has no fear of old age. When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. She watches carefully all that goes on throughout her household, and is never lazy. Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband. He praises her with these words; 'There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all!' Proverbs 31:10-29, TLB.
Mr. Johnny, Greg and Mark... God bless you all and know that you and your family are in my prayers. Dorothy was such a sweet soul and did so much for so many over the years. My family and I will miss her and that sweet smile. Dorothy was one of a kind!

Mary Vonne - October 04, 2010 at 05:01 PM

JB

“To the entire Novak family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dorothy was a very special lady and brought many smiles and hugs to those that knew her. My family always thought the world of Dorothy and she always seemed to enjoy joking with my dad and I. In my childhood, I always hated having to go see Dr. Cole or Dr Veasey, but Dorothy was always there to make us see that it wasn't really all that bad! She will be dearly missed but she is free from the pain and we will see her again! Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless...
Jamie Ellisor Brinegar & Family

jamie Ellisor Brinegar - October 04, 2010 at 03:41 PM

KP

“ Dearest Greg, Mark and family we are so sad to hear about your mother she was an amazing person and we loved her very much. I can remember before you ask how she was doing she would ask us first how we were and the kids, always thinking about someone else she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. we will miss her very much! Love, Joey, Kara, Kali, Jody, Erica Pavelock

KARA PAVELOCK - October 04, 2010 at 03:40 PM

LH

“ What a sweet sweet lady that God called home. Praying for the family. G4uTR

Lisa Hayman - October 04, 2010 at 01:15 PM

DU

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May God wrap his comforting arms around you.

Danny & Pam Upchurch - October 03, 2010 at 05:17 PM