



## Johnny Frank Novak

January 25, 1936 - July 7, 2020

Johnny Frank Novak was born on January 25, 1936 to parents Andrew and Cecilia Tafelski Novak. He went home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 7, 2020. Johnny was born and raised in New Waverly and was a lifelong resident. He was married to his loving wife, Dorothy, for almost 50 years and had two children. In his early years he attended Sam Houston State University and he was a sergeant and tank commander in the National Guard at Fort Polk, LA. Johnny worked as a road and bridge engineer for TX DOT and retired after 40+ years in his career. When he retired, he had a successful business sharpening saw blades. He was one of the founding members of the Walker County Fair Association and was the original chairman of the market barrow committee during its early years. During that time his sons were showing and he was always very involved in their projects. Johnny was a life-long parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #5921. He served on the New Waverly ISD school board for 10+ years. Johnny was an accomplished guitarist and also played the banjo and violin. He was part of a musical group that called themselves The New Waverly Connection and from time to time, would visit the nursing homes in the area and play for the residents. Johnny loved to go to Branson, Missouri and see the country music shows. He had a very full life in his little hometown and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Johnny is survived by his sons, Greg Novak and wife Karen and Mark Novak and Tonya Randio. Grandchildren, Colby Novak and wife Shelby

and Kyle Novak. He is also survived by his brother, Tom Novak and wife Le. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother James E. Novak and his loving wife, Dorothy Jane Novak.

The Novak family wishes to extend a special thank you to Johnny's caregivers, Lisa Richardson, who was with him for over 10 years and Debra Young, who helped out on the weekends for over 5 years.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 – 7:00pm on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas followed by a rosary at 7:00pm. A catholic mass will be held on Friday, July 10 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly, Texas. Graveside services will follow at Elmina Cemetery. We welcome and encourage you all to attend, even during these difficult times. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 101 Elmore St., New Waverly, Texas 77358. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elmina Cemetery

40 Elmina Rd  
New Waverly, TX 77358

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfmh.com

## Rosary

JUL 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Catholic Mass

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JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
101 Elmore St  
New Waverly, TX 77358

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Frank Novak*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Only met Johnny a few times but will never forget his smile and his laugh. May the Lord bless the family and provide the peace beyond all understanding.*

**Mason Webster** - July 09, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sincere condolences, you are in our thoughts and prayers  
Bernard & Marian Klawinsky*

**Bernard Klawinsky** - July 09, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Our thoughts, love and prayers are with your family.*

**Danny and Pam (Shelly) Upchurch** - July 09, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our love, Carolyn & Gary McClure and Robert Snoe.*



**Carolyn mcclure** - July 09, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DO

“ Prayers and condolences to all the family. May Jesus comfort each and everyone.

Donna - July 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM

DS

“ Mark (My Brother from another Mother) and the Family, my heart is saddened by the loss of your Father. As I dwell on that thought, my heart begins to Smile, your Mom and Dad are back together again. Love always, your Brother, Daniel James Sr.

Daniel James Sr - July 09, 2020 at 10:17 AM

ME

“ My Sincere Condolences To The Family! Earth has no sorrow that Heaven won't heal. Be Encouraged! 🙏 Monica Ellis/ Spring, Texas

Monica Ellis - July 08, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Frank Novak.



July 08, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Frank Novak.



July 08, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Johnny Frank Novak.*



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July 08, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Many wonderful memories with John and Dorothy when we were much younger and came to visit during the summertime. John was a very dedicated Father and Husband for so many years. Loved spending every Homecoming there with all of ya'll. Sending prayers your way to the boys who thought their Dad was THE BEST! So sorry for your Loss. Sending prayers your way.*



*Love,  
Marsha Novak Weaver*

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**Marsha L Weaver** - July 08, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Frank Novak*



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**M. Hyvl** - July 07, 2020 at 06:55 PM