



Mary Vela Novark

April 11, 1946 - June 2, 2020

Mary Vela Novark, owner of Novark Business Services, entered in to rest June 2, 2020, at her home in Huntsville, Texas. Ms. Novark is survived by her son Mark Joseph Novark, her grandchildren, Miranda Lin Espinoza and Mat Jory Novark. Also, her great grandchildren, Skylee Jade Espinoza and Rocky (Bubby) Espinoza, III. She is also survived by her brothers, David Vela of New Waverly, Pete Vela of Conroe and Lee Vela of Sugarland and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, William (Billy) Joseph Novark, her parents Pete and Helen Vela, her brother Richard Vela and sister Charlette Quinn. Mary was well known in the Huntsville community for her quick wit and love of Huntsville. She ran her business for many years with loyal customers and friends who would drop by to say hello and share a cup of coffee. She will be remembered by all those who knew and loved her as a strong woman with a great business sense and a true spirit for the right of women to be whatever they wanted to be. Mary received many awards for her service in Huntsville, some include; BPW president from 1982-1983, Woman of the Year for NAPW 2015-2016, Appreciation for outstanding community service in 2009 from NAACP, Honored professional for National Directory of "Who's Who" 1996-1997, BPW Entrepreneur of the Year 1985, Outstanding Service for Gulf Coast Private Industry Council 1990, Volunteer service to WCFCU, Supervisory committee 2001-2003, SAAFE House 1984-1989 for contributions and service, Rotary Club 1999-2000 for Service Above Self, Novark Business Services 10 Years of Excellence for IRE, Walker

County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year 1988, Award of Excellence for Rotary Club as Vice President 2001-2002, Club treasury for Rotary Club 2000-2001, Notable Women of Texas 1984-1986, Member of Alpha Kappa Psi 1979, graduated Sam Houston State University, Readers Choice Award 2018 for Best Tax Preparer.

A visitation is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas at 5:00pm, with a rosary at 6:00pm. There is no limit on the number of people that may attend and masks are not required but recommended. A mass will be held Monday, June 8, 2020 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 101 Elmore St., New Waverly. There is a limit of 50 people at a time in the church and masks are required. A short burial service will follow at Hill Cemetery, where Mary will be laid to rest next to her husband Billy and her Mom and Dad. Friends are invited to come by Mary's house, after the burial, for fellowship and food. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Hill Cemetery

New Waverly, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JUN 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Catholic Mass

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Vela Novark*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was in the Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity (A professional business Fraternity) at SHSU in Huntsville, Texas and was the Newsletter Editor in the late 1970's and early 1980's. I remember , Mary became a member of our fraternity. I think a the time she was the oldest member we had but she was part of our fraternity family. Mary was such a Friendly , Generous, Kind person. She came to my Dorm Room she assisted me by typing up the Newsletter for us, as I was not that great of a typist and she was. My room mate at the time was Pat Cooling also in our fraternity. I believe she majored in Accounting and graduated in 1980. I majored in Marketing and graduated in 1981. I remember seeing her accounting practice many times when my spouse and I were visiting on the weekends in Huntsville, I never got the chance to go in and say Hello to her at her business for that reason. I really enjoyed knowing you for a while Mary, you were so kind to all of us and we all loved you.*

I will miss Mary very much.

Clyde E. Johnstone, Jr.

Clyde E. Johnstone , Jr. - September 01, 2020 at 12:18 AM

PB

“*Mrs. Novark was one of the kindest souls on earth. As new Hville resident, she helped me with my deceased brother’s income tax return. She babied all her clients, including myself!! She explained every step what was going on with the IRS. She placed all required tax documents in a stamped envelope. She never met a stranger. From the moment I walked into Novark Business and Tax Preparation, I felt like a true friend to her. She will be deeply missed by all. Our prayers and condolences are with her family and friends.*

Pam Bennett - June 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM

GT

“*Mary Vela Novark was a treasure to work with over many years as she represented those in the Houston and Huntsville area. Sometimes we agreed and sometimes not in discussing tax administration. She was a force, who strongly advocated for those she represented and that was good thing for those she served. I looked forward to seeing her each year at the IRS Regional Practitioner Meeting as she was always front and center. She was a special lady and will be missed. Georgia Thomas, Area 4 Manager, Stakeholder Liaison, IRS*

Georgia Thomas - June 08, 2020 at 10:41 AM

AG

“ You have my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Ms. Novark will always have a special place in my heart, I enjoyed working with her over the years. She often talked about her grandchildren who she loved dearly. She was very passionate about her work and took her job serious as representative for her clients. I always looked forward to seeing her once a year at a meeting held in Huntsville while partnering with the SBDC. She had a special seat in the front of the room. I will forever remember her presence and impact she had on me and others. Praying for the family, colleagues and loved ones. Rest in Peace Ms. Novark!

Arlene Good - June 08, 2020 at 08:13 AM

MP

So very sorry to the all the family members of Mary. Our offices were directly across the street from one another! We both put in long hours, comforting to see each other's lights burning! Enjoyed so many conversations but always respected each others position! May God Bless you all & grant you strength, comfort & peace!

Margaret Paulsel - June 08, 2020 at 08:41 AM

DC

“ Dajuana Chimney lit a candle in memory of Mary Vela Novark



Dajuana Chimney - June 08, 2020 at 07:39 AM

CG

“ Some days she was sugar, some days she was vinegar. She loved her business and every client. Her family was her heart and was not afraid of anything. May you finally rest and be at peace.

Cindy Guajardo - June 07, 2020 at 09:02 PM

.K

“ *Lidhv*



.-Peggy Kroesche - June 07, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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Praying for the family 🙏🙏

.-Peggy Kroesche - June 07, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MZ

“ *Mrs Novark was a wonderful person I was a Clint for many years and always looked forward to tax season . She will greatly be missed in Huntsville Rest In Peace Mary*

Maria Zamudio - June 07, 2020 at 02:40 PM

EA

“ *Edd & Terry Artherholt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Vela Novark*



Edd & Terry Artherholt - June 06, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JJ

“ *Mary and I go way back and my heart hurts for her family. I have special memories of this special lady.*

Jeannine Jacoby - June 06, 2020 at 07:03 AM

BW

I met Mary when I first arrived in Huntsville and recognized her as an outstanding community leader!

Beth Williamson - June 06, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *My condolences to Mary’s family. She loved her family and was very proud of them. She was an outstanding woman & friend. Mary will be dearly missed.
RIP*



Mellicent Wiley - June 06, 2020 at 05:58 AM

RV

“ *My Aunt Mary was a great lady. I will miss our visits on the phone when I would call just to check on her after my parents passed. I will also miss her phone to me on my birthday that was really special that I will never forget. I am deeply saddened by her passing, but I know that she is resting in peace.*

Rich Vela - June 05, 2020 at 08:37 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Mary Vela Novark*



Charlotte Efird - June 05, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LG

“ Mary was a family friend for years she worked her first job with my grandmother Evelyn Smith went to school with my mother and all three of my uncles, friendships were made and too many wonderful memories to list she spent numerous holidays and celebrations with my husband my children and I in our home my many Grandchildren always loved it when Ms Mary came. The thing about Mary is you never had to wonder what she was thinking because she would tell you I loved that about her . She loved Miranda and Jory with all her being Mary was a giver not a taker she never judged Mary will always and forever have a place in our hearts good bye my precious friend I'll see you again someday ❤️

laura glass - June 05, 2020 at 11:57 AM

KM

Sending prayers & condolences to Mary's family. My parents & hers became very good friends when we moved to New Waverly in 1971. R.I.P. Mary. 🙏

Karen McSwain Mason - June 06, 2020 at 06:27 PM

PH

“ Ms. Novark gave me my first job and I worked with her for over 10 years, and learned so much from her. She had such a big heart!! She was such a strong willed woman, and may have intimidated some but I knew how kind and loving she was. ❤️



Perla Hernandez - June 05, 2020 at 10:43 AM

LG



laura glass - June 08, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mary Vela Novark



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - June 05, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JM

“ Mary has done our taxes for years. My husband passed a way in January and I had to finish filing our taxes alone. Mary did a super job and gave me a selfless gift when we finished. I will miss her. So sorry to her family for her loss.



Judith Miller - June 05, 2020 at 01:27 AM

CV

“ So very sorry to hear this very sad news! Condolences to all family and friends during this very sad time. May MARY HELEN Rest In Peace and suffer no longer! May her memory never be forgotten!
With Much Sympathy,
From : Lee, Corinne and Brent Vela
Sugarland, Texas



Corinne Vela - June 04, 2020 at 08:54 PM

SH

“ I went to school with Mary and knew her as my friend from that time forward. We had not seen each other for years and I am saddened by her death. Mary was a strong minded lady who faced some hard times in her life but she never quit. I loved her and drove her crazy because she could not get me to back down if we disagreed. She was never as hard underneath as she wanted us to believe. I was blessed to see, sometimes, that sweet side of her. My best description of my friend, which I told her more than once, was she was a "rough, tough, cream puff". Rest in peace, Mary. I wish we had seen each other more often. Love, Sue Hardy

Sue Hardy - June 04, 2020 at 05:50 PM

HH

“ Mary Novark was a dear friend. She did my income tax for about eighteen years. She did my taxes in February of this year. Called me in three days and told me the taxes was ready. I am so blessed having her in my life. Sending my deepest sympathy to all the family. Keeping each of you in my thoughts and prayers. Our love will never die.

Helen Harding - June 04, 2020 at 04:27 PM

TV

“ Mary has not only been doing my taxes for the past 15 years but we were friends as well. I spoke to her in April while she was in rehab She told me to file an extension and wait for her. She was dedicated even while in rehab. She said she'd be out in a few weeks. I told her I'd even come pick her up in Victoria. I tried to reach her several times since and have been asking everyone about her I'm so Sad 😞 . She was definitely one of a kind and I'll miss her terribly

Tammy Viser - June 04, 2020 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ *What a GREAT LADY !!!!!!!*

Mark Chalker - June 04, 2020 at 08:04 AM

CT

“ *Many years ago I was hired by Mary's business, Novark Business Services. I considered her not only a mentor but, a true friend. Thank you Mary for helping me become who I am today.*



Charlotte Tomkavits - June 03, 2020 at 09:13 PM

DE

“ *All my years and the community with Mary were wonderful. I learned so much with the Huntsville Business and Professional Women, political action and women and community service through the Chamber of Commerce. She was so rich in knowledge and dedication to whatever she did. Gonna miss you girl and condolences to the family.*

Dana Eckles - June 03, 2020 at 06:20 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Vela Novark*



M. Hyvl - June 03, 2020 at 06:01 PM