



Dorothy Novak

July 30, 1936 - January 18, 2025

Dorothy H. Novak, 88, of Roswell, New Mexico, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Funeral services with interment at South Park Cemetery are presently pending at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with the family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A rosary and mass will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Assumption Catholic Church, in Roswell, New Mexico. The rosary will begin at 9:30 AM, the mass will follow at 10:00 AM, followed by an interment at South Park Cemetery. A reception will be held after the interment at the Assumption Church Parish Hall.

Dorothy was born on July 30, 1936, in Mena, Arkansas, to Richard and Louise Niels. She attended and graduated from Acorn High School in Mena. In 1955, her brother Richard joined the United States Air Force and brought his roommate, Ed Novak, to Mena to meet his family. Dorothy's mom said she had better grab him quickly, and that a year of daily letter writing started between Ed and Dorothy, which resulted in a wonderful marriage. They then moved to Ed's first military assignment in Biloxi, Mississippi, where a year later, they had their first son, Edward Novak III, during a hurricane. They were then transferred to Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, NM, where their second son Karl and daughter Margaret were born. Due to the closure of the base,

the Novak family moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and then on to Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa. After a few years, Dorothy and Ed were reassigned to Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. Upon retirement, they returned to Roswell, where they opened a small gift shop named World Winds. After several years, the store was closed, and Dorothy stayed home and took care of her teenage kids. Sadly, in 1995, Dorothy lost her husband and soulmate of 39 years as the Lord called Ed home. Dorothy stayed in Roswell and continued her wonderful friendships with all her friends that she had made over the years. In 2023, Dorothy moved to Good Life Senior home in Carlsbad, NM. A year later, she was transferred to Good Life in Artesia, NM, where she forged loving relationships with the aides and staff until her death on January 18, 2025.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband Edward F. Novak Jr., her mother and father Louise and Richard Niels, sister Mary, and brothers Richard and Johnny.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Margaret Novak from Roswell, her sons Edward F. Novak III of Waller, TX, and Karl Novak of Hollywood, FL, her granddaughter and great-grandson Meghan and Maxxwel Dragulski of Sisbee, TX, and grandson Edward Novak IV of Chicago, Illinois.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that any donations be made to the charity of their choice in honor of Dorothy.

Previous Events

Rosary and Mass

JUN 9. 9:30 AM (MT)

Assumption Catholic Church
2808 N Kentucky Ave
Roswell, NM 88201-5814
(575) 622-9895

Reception

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (MT)

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The reception will be held in the Assumption Parish Hall following the interment. Times may vary.

Tribute Wall

PD

“ I didn't know Dorothy, but started a nice chat with Karl over our love of our mothers. My condolences for you all.

Pamela DeWitt - June 04, 2025 at 12:24 AM

CJ

“ I have known the Novak family for 50 years. Karl and I hunted and fished in high school. Dorothy always made me feel welcome in their home. She and Ed grew African violits i believe. Margaret was the little sister that grew into a beautiful young lady. Ed Jr tolerated us, but always with a smile. DOROTHY was a great mother and her children inherited her morals and ethical standards. I never heard of anyone that didn't enjoy being a friend of her.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: etc lux
Perpetua luceat eis. Charles E Jeter

Charles Jeter - February 21, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MS

“ much love and caring sent your way I remember Dorothy as sweet loving lady

mschrank - January 29, 2025 at 11:48 AM

SR

“ So sorry to hear Edward and your family my prayers and condolences 🙏 are with you 🙏



Stella Rivera - January 22, 2025 at 04:19 PM

EN

Thank you Stella ❤️

Eddie Novak - January 24, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JB

Eddie, Karl and Margaret,

I am very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My sympathies go out to you all. She was a good friend to our family and especially to my mom. Her and your dad were very kind to put up with our very bad garage band music back in the day.

Jimmy

Jimmy Barnes - January 25, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DS

Eddie, Karl and Margaret,

My sincerest condolences for the loss of your mother. Absolutely loved your mom! She and your dad always treated me like family. Love ya'll.

Darryl L. Sanders

Darryl Sanders - January 29, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JC

Dear Karl, I am very sorry to hear for the loss of your mother. My condolences for you and your family

Jorge Coghi

Jorge Coghi - June 07, 2025 at 05:20 PM