

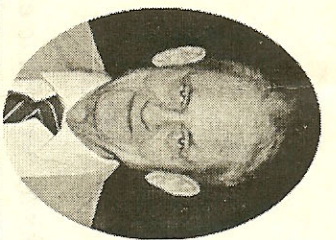
Vaclav James Anton Novak, age 81, of Nevada, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2006, at his home with his family by his side.

Jim was born August 13, 1924, in Clarkson, Nebraska to John and Emma (Kmochn) Novak. After moving to Kansas City, he met Shirley Arlene Fulton, the girl living across the street. Their month-long whirlwind romance sparked a 55 year love affair as they married March 27, 1949 in Bentonville, Arkansas. Their love and devotion continued to grow until Shirley's death June 22, 2004.

A graduate of Chillicothe Business College, Jim was an accountant with offices in Nevada and Lamar. He and Shirley owned the White Grill in Nevada, Novak Rentals and Sonic of Joplin. Jim had lived in Nevada for 57 years, serving two terms on the city council and was elected mayor in 1965. He had served as treasurer of Lamar Rotary for many years and was a three-time Paul Harris Fellow.

Jim had a passion for baseball and was a lifelong, win or lose, die hard fan of the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox. One of his greatest baseball memories was attending the last game of the 2004 World Series with his son, Jim, and cheering his Boston Red Sox to victory. He was also active in local Little League Baseball. Jim was an avid bridge player and enjoyed monthly bridge club. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Nevada.

Survivors include two sons, James Allen Novak and Michael Anthony Novak, both of Nevada; three daughters, Diana Alberta Wessley, Pamela Ann Sandoval and Linda Annette Gower, all of Nevada; two brothers, John Novak, Phoenix, Arizona and Stan Novak, Carthage, Missouri; two sisters, Mary Deain, Hot Springs, Arkansas and Agnes Corbin, Lee's Summit, Missouri; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Ryan, Shannon, Luke, Christian, Megan, Zachary, Matthew, Garrett, Graham, and Taylor; a great-grandson, Hunter and a great-granddaughter, Ava; his cat, Precious Pumpkin; and many close clients, friends, and bridge family. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley; a son, Kenneth Andrew Novak; and two sisters, Emily Spencer and Anna Janecek.



IN MEMORY OF

VACLAV JAMES ANTON NOVAK

August 13, 1924

May 18, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2006

First Baptist Church
Nevada, Missouri

OFFICIATING

Rev. John Nichols
Eulogy, Gary Jackson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
"The Lord's Prayer"
JoDanna Miller, Vocalist
Debbie Fast, Pianist

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Novak Zach Sandoval Kenny Nuspl Shawn Lukenbill
Danny Ross David Stutenkemper Matthew Sandoval Luke Stahl

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Clarence Ihm Lonnie Frieden Bob Medlin Roy Cunningham
John Flynn Tom Gault Homer Ellis Dale Daniel Ronnie Jones
Steve Gilkey Ben Mendenhall Kelly Bradham Don Russell

AT REST

Moore Cemetery