



# Leo Novak Jr.

AUG 12, 1943 - JAN 16, 2018



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## **Leo Novak Jr.**

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**H**ERITAGE HARBOUR, Annapolis, Leo Novak, Jr., 74, passed away in the early morning hours of January 16, at his home. Born August 12, 1943 in the tight-knit Baltimore neighborhood of Locust Point. He was the son of the late Leo Novak, Sr. and Anna Louise Gilbert. Also preceding him in death were his first wife, Sally Jo (Clapper), his sister, Catherine and her husband John Boog, his in-laws Theodore and Alethea Clapper.

Leo is survived by his wife Renee (O'Neill) Novak, son, Michael and wife Renee (Pigeon) of Cape St. Claire; granddaughters, Catherine and Rachael; siblings Helen Novak and David Novak of Parkville. He is also survived by his loving in-laws, mother-in-law, Suzanne O'Neill, her children: Serge; Marie Pound, husband Bill Pound, son Kevin and wife Melissa, their children Luke, Ethan and Henry; Matthew, wife Celine, children Randy and Jessica Furr; Suzanne, her daughters Olivia Moran, Sarah Reaves and husband Reggie, and grandsons Franklin and Christian.

Leo attended the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and served as an altar boy. As a boy, Leo, worked a paper route and as a teen he was a member of the Cranks Auto Club. He was a 1961 graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School Auto Mechanics Curriculum in Baltimore.

He first worked as mechanic at Montgomery Ward on Washington Boulevard in Baltimore. He also worked at Tate Chrysler on Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie and spent 24 years working at the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company. During his retirement, he worked part-time for the State of Maryland's Legislative Services in their Bill Room.

In May of 1969 Leo was drafted into the US Army and although he was nearly ten years older than the average draftee, he never complained and bravely served his tour in Vietnam.



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Leo wed Sally Jo Clapper from Brooklyn Park in 1966 and were married for 18 years until Sally died of lung cancer in 1984. In 1988, Leo wed his second wife, Renee, who he was with until his passing.

Friends and family all loved Leo for his quick wit and big heart. He was always there to lend a helping hand and make you laugh. He was a devoted family man, and an avid boater and fisherman. Leo was happiest on the water, fishing rod in one hand and a cold Budweiser in the other.

As a brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle or friend, Leo was the very best! He never met a stranger and we will all miss him terribly.

If you prefer, donations can be made to the Viet Nam Veterans (VVA.ORG) instead of flowers.




# Events


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## Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, January 24, 2018

 10:00 AM ET

 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401





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**Charles Powell Sr** lit a candle in honor of Leo.

To the family of Mr. Leo Novak Jr, I am so sorry about the passing of Leo. He was a true friend and we enjoyed him while working at DLS. Leo was always pleasant to work with even when times was rough he never showed a sign of been beat down with work, he always found time to laugh and tell a joke about the work. He will really be missed by all he was a very swell person to know. Leo got along with everyone he worked with. He will be looking down smiling on all of us. Prayers goes out to his wife Renee and the family, God Bless all of you.



January 24 at 6:43 AM

CN

**Catherine Novak** March 4 at 7:43 AM

I really miss Leo, he was my grandfather. It has been a month since he passed. I know he is with us.



**Anonymous** sent a Full Heart to the Novak family.



January 23 at 8:47 AM

MS

**Marlene Schmuff** posted:

Our deepest condolences to your entire family. There was never a time when Leo didnt make us roar with laughter. He loved his family dearly and also his steamed crabs and beer! Morgan's fondest memory is when Leo would use the comb with no teeth to comb the hair he didnt have. May you find comfort in your cherished memories. Xoxo Mar & Bill

January 23 at 6:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Novak family.



January 23 at 5:58 AM



## Tribute Wall

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**Dave And Helen** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Novak family.

January 18 at 8:05 AM



**Eric Donley, Missy Donley And Ellen Evans (Mom)** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Novak family.

January 18 at 5:50 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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