

Russell Frank Novy

June 15, 1922 - July 28, 2016

Russell Frank Novy, 94, of Bloomington, IN (formerly of Northbrook, IL) went to be with his Lord, Thursday, July 28, 2016, at home surrounded by those he loved. He was born June 15, 1922 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, son of James and Adeline (Kral) Novy.

Russ served in the Pacific during WWII in the Army Air Corps. Following the war, he graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Maytag in Newton, IA where he met Mary Lou (Garth) Latham, whom he married on May 15, 1954. In 1955 they moved to Northbrook, IL where they raised their family. He worked as a metallurgist in the Chicago area including positions at Lindberg, Dilex Systems and Pre-Finish Metals.

Russ was a 61 year member of The Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook, where he served as elder, choir member, and developer and caretaker of the church's Memorial Garden. He was an avid gardener, evident in his beautiful gardens, his involvement in the Men's Garden Club of the North Shore, serving for a time as its president; and volunteering at the Chicago Botanic Garden. His love of photography and nature were expressed through numerous photos of his beloved Rocky Mountains. He passed on these passions to his family, as well as his gift of music, love of travel and care of the earth.

Russ is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Lou, daughters Susan (Bernard) Bell, Carol Novy, and Mary Beth Novy; granddaughters, Hallie and

Addie Schmucker; brother, John E. Novy and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Robert J. Novy, and sister, Lucille A. Moore.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, August 2 at First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, with Rev. Andrew Kort, Rev. Kimber-lee Adams and Rev. Wendy VanderZee officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chicago Botanic Garden – memo: Russell Novy, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 or First Presbyterian Church – memo: Organ Fund, 221 E. 6th St., Bloomington, IN 47408.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Mary Lou,
I was so sorry to hear about Russ. My condolences to you and your family. I remember the orchids Russ brought into the library to decorate our desk at the library. He was a very thoughtful man and I know he will be greatly missed by all.*

*Sincerely,
Joyce Baran*

Joyce Baran - August 15, 2016 at 11:34 PM

SB

*Joyce,
I'm Russ's oldest daughter Susan. I was re-reading these notes and wanted to thank you for your memory of Dad. I didn't know that he did this, but it was so in character. He received in kind from one of his caregivers at Meadowood. She grew orchids and would often bring one that was in bloom to the apartment and leave for him to enjoy. Such a wonderful memory.*

~Susan Bell

Susan Bell - January 12, 2017 at 01:44 PM

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“ *We will miss Russ coming to the Bloominton Farmers Market every Saturday to get his melons from us. He had a contagious smile. God Bless to the family and thank you for sharing your dad with us, he will always be a good memory. So glad he got to have a melon this year and to know that he loved it means a lot to us.*

*David & Kim Sturgill
VanAntwerps Farm Market*

Kim Sturgill - August 01, 2016 at 12:32 PM

SB

David and Kim, I was going through these notes, and just wanted to say thank you again for your kindness towards Dad over the years. You were some of "his people" that he loved going to the market to see. Everytime I came into town and went to the market with him it brought me joy to see the friends that he had there. Blessings to you.

*Susan Bell (daughter)
San Jose, CA*

Susan Bell - January 12, 2017 at 01:39 PM



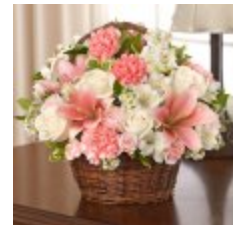
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Russell Frank Novy.*



August 01, 2016 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Your friends from Team 1 purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Russell Frank Novy.*



Your friends from Team 1 - August 01, 2016 at 08:52 AM

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“ *Friends from Summit Presbyterian Church purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Russell Frank Novy.*



Friends from Summit Presbyterian Church - July 31, 2016 at 08:59 PM