

Frank Martin Novotny passed away peacefully with family by his side on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Parkland Manor in Prague. He was born on December 15, 1939, in Prague, Oklahoma to Charley and Jewel (Janota) Novotny.

Frank married Doris Goforth on June 3, 1961 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Prague, OK. Frank served as Doris' Godfather when she entered the Catholic Church a few days before they married.

For 29 years, Frank worked at Tinker Air Force Base, where he was an integral member of a three-man smart team dedicated to solving complex maintenance challenges. As the team's painter, he collaborated closely with his teammates, who specialized in electrical and plumbing work, to ensure they could address a wide range of issues efficiently. In addition to his work at Tinker, Frank spent several years caring for the gardens at the Catholic Church in Prague, a position that reflected his respect for his community and faith.

Frank was a man with strong Czech roots. He took great pride in being 100% Czech and enjoyed eating and sharing kolaches and klobásníks, which delighted his family and friends alike.

Frank was a simple, good man who always supported those he loved. He was an avid beekeeper for many years and enjoyed learning about them and building hives. He was passionate about carpentry spending countless hours in his workshop, building and repairing things with skill and precision. A true handyman, there was hardly anything he couldn't fix, and his ability to create extended to making rosaries that were generously donated to those in need.

Frank's green thumb flourished in his vegetable garden. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, often working with his Kubota tractor. Frank had a love for animals all of his life. His day often started with milking a cow before school or work. As a child, Frank found an orphaned squirrel that he took care of for over a year. Martha the squirrel would even accompany him to school some days hiding in his pocket or under his hat. Eventually, he released Martha back to the wild and vowed to never shoot another squirrel ever again.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Jewel Novotny, sisters, Betty Ann Novotny, Dorothy Kroos, and Jane McGill, brothers, Jim Novotny and John Novotny and grandson, Brian Crawford.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Doris Novotny of Meeker, daughters, Anna Crawford and husband Kenneth of Shawnee, and Kay Pruitt and husband Jon of Shawnee, son, Michael Frank Novotny and wife Leslie of Newalla, grandchildren, Brad Crawford and wife MaryKathryn, Bryce Crawford, Ashley Chastain and husband Dustin, Megan Pruitt, MacKenzie Bernier and husband Camryn, Joey Novotny, and Jessica Novotny, seven great-grandchildren plus one on the way, and siblings, Louise Wilkerson, Nancy Cagle, Jean Quarry, and Don Novotny.

Heartfelt thanks to the staff
Prague and Luminos
wonderful care of our



at Parkland Manor of
Hospice for taking such
loved one.

In Loving Memory Of



Frank Martin Novotny



December 15, 1939



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Frank Novotny

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.*



Mass of Christian Burial

*Friday, November 22, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning
St. Benedict Catholic Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Celebrant

Rev. Benjamin Bandanadam

Organist

Carolyn Taron

Final Resting Place

*Calvary Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Pallbearers

*Brad Crawford
Bryce Crawford
Cameron Bernier
Tommy Kroos
Dustin Chastain
Kenneth Crawford*