



## John J. Novak

March 30, 2016

Novak, John J. Age 89, of Hopkins passed away March 30, 2016. John was born March 5, 1927 to John and Josephine Novak in Crosby- Ironton, MN. He graduated from Crosby-Ironton H.S. in 1945. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He graduated from St. Cloud Teachers College, in 1950. He was a history teacher in Staples, MN for 7 years, and then taught geography, at Hopkins North Junior High and coached 9th Grade Basketball until retirement in 1985. He served on the Hopkins Zoning and Planning commission at the time the Hopkins Center for the Arts was established. He enjoyed many summers at his lake cabin on Fish Trap Lake near Motley, MN. Preceded in death by his parents, sister Geraldine, aunts and uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his wife Audrey; children Susan (Fred) Kaiser, Deborah (Greg) Daigle, Mary Jonette Novak, John J. (Vicki) Novak, Julie Novak, Lisa Christensen, and Mike (Jennifer) Novak; 12 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother M. Kenneth (Joan) Novak. Visitation at Washburn-McReavy, Hopkins Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343, April 12 from 5-8 pm with rosary at 7 pm. Funeral at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, St Joseph campus, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343 on April 13 at 11 am. Visitation 1 hour prior to service. Luncheon after the service, with interment at St. Margaret's Cemetery immediately following. A special thanks to Park Nicollet Home Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Groves Academy Grandparents Scholarship Fund (grandson attends) or Sharing and Caring Hands. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck

Johnson 952-938-9020 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(952) 938-9020  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Deliver flowers by

APR 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(952) 938-9020  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel - St. Joseph Campus  
1310 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
<http://stgabrielhopkins.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. Novak.



April 11, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ To those who may be visiting this page. Our Dad's full obituary will appear here soon, however until that time, please be aware that there is information that is not accurate here. Dad's funeral will NOT be at the St. John Campus of St Gabriel's on Wed the 13th. It will be at the St. Joseph Campus of the church located at 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins MN It is located right next to the Washburn-McReavy Chapel where the visitation will be on Tuesday. I do not want anybody visiting here to be confused.

Susan Kaiser - April 08, 2016 at 01:02 PM



All has been corrected!

Susan - April 09, 2016 at 12:41 PM



John was such a great friend to my father, Elmer Luke. I have fond memories of his easy smile and laugh and all his stories especially from the summers at Shady Oak Beach.

With sympathy, Jim Luke

Jim Luke - April 11, 2016 at 10:19 AM

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“ I loved my "Uncle" (cousin) Johnny. He and Audrey always made me and my Mom feel like FAMILY even after my Dad (Uncle Frankie) passed away in 1990. This was so appreciated by me who has a very small family circle. I loved his story telling and letters- they were always filled with love, passion, and humor . . . And what a great FAMILY you all are. Warm hugs to you all. I will see you next week.

*Laurel Ann Meznar*

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**Laurel Meznar** - April 07, 2016 at 11:09 AM

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“ George N. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John J. Novak.



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**George N.** - April 06, 2016 at 11:55 AM