



Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski

October 19, 1934 - November 28, 2019

Reverend Protodeacon Slavko Nowytski, 85, left the world peacefully on Thanksgiving, November 28th, 2019. Husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, colleague, historian, researcher, patriot, this man of deep faith left an indelible mark on every person who knew him or his work.

Born in Torchyn, Ukraine, on October 19, 1934, his family fled the war via Warsaw and Paris prior to emigrating to Canada in 1950. After earning his Masters in Communications at Columbia University, Slavko joined CBS as an editor, working on now-historic raw footage including the Newark riots and Woodstock. While in New York, Slavko met his future wife, artist Nadia Bryn. They moved to her home of Minneapolis and raised their family in the Twin Cities Ukrainian community. In the 1980's Slavko answered a higher calling to serve his community and his Lord, and was ordained Deacon (and later, Protodeacon) of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, under which his father was the first Bishop consecrated on U.S. soil.

Slavko may be most known for being an international award-winning documentary filmmaker committed to, in his words, “exposing man’s inhumanity to man,” particularly with his exhaustively researched, disruptive accounts of Ukraine’s traumatic history of the last century. His 1983 film “Harvest of Despair,” broadcast on PBS, became the first widely accessible document revealing Stalin’s genocide of Ukrainians by artificial famine in

1932-33. Later, "Between Hitler and Stalin" explored the complex and devastating scorched-earth policy between the Soviets and Nazis battling over Ukrainian soil during WWII. Slavko is also recognized for his two decades of work as an international broadcast journalist for Voice of America Radio and Television (Ukraine division) with the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C. In 2010, Slavko retired from broadcast journalism, and soon moved back to Minneapolis with Nadia to be near their beloved family again for the remainder of his days.

We remember him best for his infectious enthusiasm, energy, curiosity, and sheer joy for life; for being present in the moment without wasting a moment. His early training as an actor was on display nearly every day, sometimes dramatically reciting Shakespeare or Shevchenko in one of the seven languages he spoke. He was in awe of trees, of nature's perfect design, believing no detail is accidental when God is writing the plan. He was loyal and loved his family deeply, sometimes randomly weeping with happiness when gathered with loved ones. "If I were to ever write a memoir," he said, "I'd title it 'Tears of Joy.'"

He is preceded in death by his parents and childhood sister. He is survived by his wife, Nadia, daughters Olenka (George) and Natalie (Scott), his in-law siblings Andrew (Myroslava), Alexander (Oksana), Mark (Gail), Halyna, and John (Wendy), nieces and nephews, cousins, and extended family in the U.S., Ukraine, and Canada, and a multitude of loving friends and colleagues collected over his long, rich life. Panakhyda 7pm 12/9, Funeral 10am 12/10 at St. Katherine Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1600 Hwy 96 W Arden Hills, MN 55112

Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 9. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Katherine Orthodox Church
1600 HWY 96 W
Arden Hills, MN 55112

Visitation

DEC 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Katherine Orthodox Church
1600 HWY 96 W
Arden Hills, MN 55112

Church Service

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Arden Hills, MN 55112

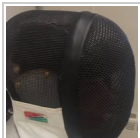
Tribute Wall



“ *Vichnaya Pamyat Dearest Slavko... Time and miles may have separated our lives and families, but You, have Always remained a large part of many fond memories of my youth... Your film(s) sit on my shelf, just as also do Nadia's Pysanky. Thank you for so many fond memories!...I always looked forward to your family visits... I cherish the photo you took of me sitting on your father's knee. Just as I do the fond memories of riding in your Mustang convertible and all the fun I had when Olenka and Nataka slept over, during your visits to Chicago. Your memory will forever be close to my heart and will continue to be in my prayers. Forever Loved... Never Forgotten...*



Lisa Trutovsky - January 25, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *I remember after Slavko became a Deacon he told me that when a person is in a comatose persistent vegetative state the soul hears, understands and comprehends everything that is going on and very much alive even when to us it seems the person is unresponsive. This is so deep, so profound!*

Daria Jmill

Daria Jmill - December 11, 2019 at 06:07 PM

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“ I have many fond memories growing up and heading over with my parents (Gene and Jean) to spend time with Slavko. My favorite parts were always the stories ... I had quite a few questions, and received so many great stories!

Dawn Sherman - December 09, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski.



December 09, 2019 at 01:02 PM

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“ What a great privilege it is to be a friend and colleague of Slavko! With a twinkle in his eye, a film script dancing in his head and a passion for creativity, Slavko went through life with a smile like no one else. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nadia and your family.

Gene & Jean Ramsay - December 09, 2019 at 10:41 AM

MK

“ Our Prayers are with you. You were a wonderful couple and we are blessed to know you. Memory Eternal.
Michael & Michele Kapeluck

Michael Kapeluck - December 09, 2019 at 07:54 AM

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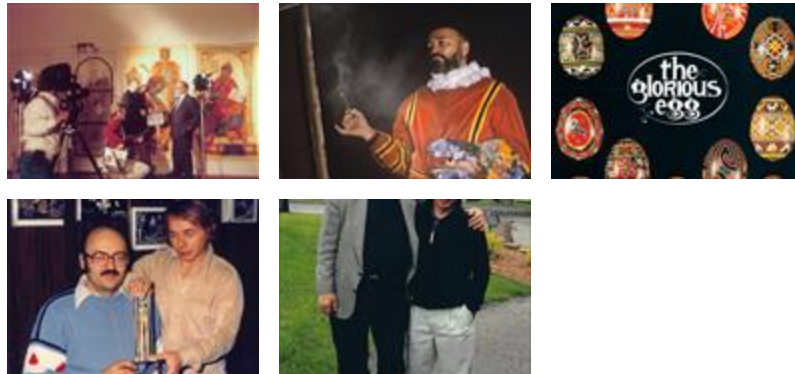
“ From Tom Ramsay and Nancy Goetzinger purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski.



From Tom Ramsay and Nancy Goetzinger - December 08, 2019 at 11:25 AM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Thomas Ramsay - December 08, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski.



December 06, 2019 at 07:22 PM

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“ *Always, Nina purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski.*



Always, Nina - December 06, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Slavko 'Sviatoslav' Nowytski.*



December 04, 2019 at 06:16 PM