



Mr. Frank J. Novarro

July 11, 1939 - August 1, 2019

Frank J. Novarro of St Petersburg, Florida, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, August 1, 2019 in St. Anthony's Hospital - St. Petersburg. He was 80.

Frank was born July 11, 1939 in New Haven, Connecticut to Tony "Red" Novarro and Mary Guerriero Novarro. He was known as "Crazy Legs Frank" in the late 1950s for his dancing skills on the New Haven version of American Bandstand. He had multiple businesses throughout his career, but was most notable as one of the largest HUD landlords in St. Petersburg during the 1970s, running oil wells in Triad Mining & Petroleum, and his flower shop Nova Discount Floral.

In December, 2014, he began his career as a funeral staff associate with Memorial Park Funeral Home in St Petersburg. A valued member of the funeral home staff, Frank proudly served his community and attended to the needs of the many families he served with the utmost care and compassion. Frank will be deeply missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

Frank is survived by his separated wife Marion, two daughters Cheryl (Cheri) Engala and Valerie Novarro, one grandson Ryan Engala, 3 sisters (Teresa, Philamena, and Nancy), 3 brothers (Tony, Art, and Nate), and multiple nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, August 10th at 3pm (with a small reception to follow) at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5750 49th Street North, St Petersburg, FL 33709.

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Frank's memorial web-page at www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com and sign his guestbook.

Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home

5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL, US, 33709

Comments



“ I actually met Frank & his family in 1955 in North Haven, CT...we had just moved into town & his father & brothers helped landscape our new property. Going to school with all the Novarro family was so much fun, dances, parties & just hanging out.....Frank was like our guardian as he was the oldest..... I am sad but all the good memories remain <3

Carole Mirando Shea - August 18 at 04:26 PM



“ It was always fun to work with Frank. That man had some stories! I enjoyed hearing about the places he'd been and the folks he'd met over the years here in St. Petersburg. While we worked together for a little over a year, Frank helped to bring a little humor and conviviality to funeral services. I've included a few pics from a funeral ceremony we worked on together back in November 2015, where the family asked for everyone to wear a scarf in their loved ones memory, including her dog, Petunia. While he was not yet scarfed in these pics, he did don a scarf to celebrate with the family. Frank, Al, and myself made a great team that night and many other days/nights we worked together. Today, we're sad that Frank isn't with us any longer. Wishing his family many blessings and peace in his memory. - Eric Cahill, LFDE



Eric C - August 10 at 02:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 10 at 08:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 09 at 04:39 PM



“ Anne-Marie Hoobin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank J. Novarro



Anne-Marie Hoobin - August 09 at 04:08 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Frank. We were very saddened by his passing. As a colleague of Frank, he will be dearly missed. I only worked with him for a short time but he was so genuine and open that it didn't take long to get to know him. Always impeccably dressed, I use to tell him that he was "styling", especially with his tasseled loafers. And that smile, always with that smile.

He always asked about my family and took genuine interest in them. He always stunned me with his expertise with the floral arrangements and even though most of them were

beautiful, he always had another touch that could make them better. And his "sweet tooth", how he loved his desserts. Just thinking about the times we shared at work makes me smile.

Rest in peace, my friend.....

Sincerely, Anne-Marie Hoobin

Staff Associate at Memorial Park

Anne-Marie Hoobin - August 09 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 09 at 02:14 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 08 at 04:18 PM



“ Mary Ann & Angelo Moscato & Family purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



Mary Ann & Angelo Moscato & Family - August 07 at 08:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 07 at 03:01 PM



“ Cinco Derby Day last year at the Wheelhouse. Good times



Mary Marrs - August 06 at 08:22 AM



“ Frank was my next door neighbor for many years and i always looked forward to seeing and speaking with him. I was present during his real estate days and he was very ambitious, rolling with a half a dozen construction crews fixing up St.Petersburg rental properties. He was very proud of his endeavors and cared about his projects and it showed in his work. He was cool, an optimist, a go-getter and a character. How many men do you know that became a wildcatter to define their mid-life crises? Above all he loved his beautiful daughters. Frank will be missed, they just don't make them like him anymore!

terry reeb - August 05 at 05:59 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank J. Novarro.



August 05 at 08:52 AM



“ Luis Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank J. Novarro



Luis Vasquez - August 04 at 05:38 PM



“ Watching Uncle Frank ,Uncle Art. Uncle Charlie and Uncle Tony playing bocce ball at uncle Tonys in the summertime hooting, hollering about how far too through the little ball.

Luis Vasquez - August 04 at 05:38 PM



“ Frank was considered a member of our family since 1965. My dad and him were close as brothers. He kept my dad employed for many years. I'm proud to call him Uncle.

Mary Martin - August 04 at 12:33 PM



“ I worked as an RN at a cardiologist office for many years. I saw Frank on at least a monthly basis.
We always concluded our business quickly so we could have some time to chat. He never failed to ask me how I was doing. Always concerned about others.
My condolences to his family. A smile that was one in a million.
Kathy Cook

Kathy Cook - August 04 at 11:39 AM



“ It is hard to say farewell to such a wonderful colleague. Frank was among the first associates to welcome me to the team at Memorial Park when I first started out, and his presence was the kind that leaves an everlasting impression on those who spent time with him. He always had great stories to tell and a true passion for life and for the families we served. Frank will be dearly missed.
My sincere condolences go out to his family, friends and loved ones.
-Ellie

Ellie W. - August 03 at 12:13 PM



“ To Mr. Frank Navarro's Family,

I am truly saddened to hear of Frank's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences, as my heart goes out to you during this time of great sorrow.

I had the pleasure of working with Frank at Memorial Park for 5 years and it was such an honor for me. Frank was always so pleasant to be around. Kind, loving, impeccably dressed, and always had a funny joke to share with that infectious smile!

I have many fond memories to treasure of our discussions about the simple pleasures of tea, desserts, and many other topics. He always asked how I was doing and I know he truly cared. I am really going to miss Frank- A true gentleman and such a GREAT person!

My deepest sympathies to all, and may God embrace you in his comfort during this difficult time.

With heartfelt condolences,
Scarlett Vita



Scarlett Vita - August 03 at 11:36 AM