



## Herman Novak

October 14, 1942 - December 22, 2018

Herman Novak passed on December 22, 2018 peacefully in his home, with family beside him, after an epic 3 year battle with cancer. This beloved man is survived by his wife Pat, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last October; daughter, Heather Novak-Peterson and husband Doug Peterson with their daughters, Azia and Zoe; and their son, Todd Novak and wife Annie with their sons, Charlie and Alex, and daughters, Ella and Isabel, along with brothers, sisters and cousins of a large and beloved family stretching across many states.

Herman was the youngest of a family of 8, born in 1942 in Park River, North Dakota. He served in the National Guard during the Vietnam War, studied architecture and married Pat Novak, all by the year of 1968. He worked in Colorado, North Dakota and Minnesota.

He was a beloved friend to many that remember him by his wonderful smile and love for the beauty in life, family and design. He was an architect with an artist's heart that was passionate about design and mentorship. Many describe him as the nicest and most dedicated architect they ever worked with. He helped to transform, design and restore buildings and spaces for nearly 50 years.

He is remembered as a very loved and wonderful friend, husband and dad that loved to design, draw and play with his grandkids.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Roger Maris Cancer Center and Hospice are kindly suggested to honor all of those amazing people that helped him through his journey.

# Events

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**DEC** **Vigil Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church

1420 7th Street North, Fargo, ND, US, 58102

**DEC** **Memorial Mass** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Herman came to my mind today while sitting in the beautiful home he designed for us. I knew he had been struggling but didn't know he had passed. Our deepest condolences for a wonderful man whom after reading these posts left an impact on whomever he passed on his beautiful life of work or play. I just wonder what he thought after he saw those glorious streets made of pure gold!

**Jennifer Wolsky** - January 16, 2019 at 03:43 PM

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“ I would not have known Herman face to face as I usually bumped into him on my walk in the wee hours of the morning when he delivered our paper. Evident by his intricate signature, we always believed he was much more than a "paper boy". He always greeted me and noticed when I was missing one of my dogs. RIP Herman!

**Karen McCann** - December 29, 2018 at 09:11 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herman Novak.



December 29, 2018 at 08:46 AM

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“ My wife and I came to love Herman and Pat, they were nurturing spirits and such warm, positive human beings, so much love and laughter. Although We spent many years working with him, my favorite memories have been the past six years where time slowed down enough to be able to really share each other's lives, family memories and untold number of stories in an office of two. Of those the best were or regular trips to Hibbing MN for a House Herman was designing, oh how we laughed and were able to connect as brothers... all our sympathy and love



**philip and melanie stahl** - December 28, 2018 at 08:43 PM

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“ Herman emulated the kind of person that a lot of us wish we were more like. Herman was respectful, kind, considerate, calm and had a great sense of humor. He was one of those people that everyone instantly liked. I knew him as a talented and committed professional. God speed Herman. You are one of the world's shining lights that will carry on in our memories of you.

Kerry and Susan Peuser

**Kerry Peuser** - December 28, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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“ Judi and I remember Herman as such a nice and caring person. He will be missed. We will miss him. We sent a contribution to the Roger Maris Cancer Foundation in Herman's name.

Lynn & Judi Windingland

**Lynn Windingland** - December 28, 2018 at 06:58 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herman Novak.



December 28, 2018 at 06:05 PM

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“ Pat, Heather, Todd and families,  
I was saddened to hear of Herman's passing. I worked from time to time with Herman over the years and came to appreciate how uncommon he was. It was evident that he was a kind and gentle soul and that he used the gifts God gave him for the betterment of all those around him. Herman never stopped at "good enough". It was always the best he could do. He showed genuine concern for all people, and let the love of Christ shine through his being. May the Holy Spirit bring you comfort and peace in your grieving the loss of this wonderful man. He was a gem.  
Toby Christensen  
Camrud Foss Concrete Constr.

**Toby Christensen** - December 28, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Herman's passing. I took care of him a few times at Roger Maris Infusion Center. He was such a soft spoken and kind man each time I cared for him. Pat was always so kind as well. Prayers to Pat and the Novak family.



**Nickie Brend** - December 27, 2018 at 08:49 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Herman Novak.



December 27, 2018 at 06:22 PM

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“ Meeting Pat and Herman will always be one of life's greatest blessings. I am a better person to have known Herman and am thankful to God for the memories he gave me and my family.

Ann Marie Olson

Ann Marie Olson - December 27, 2018 at 04:34 PM

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“ It was sad to hear of Herman's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing Herman for many years as a fellow architect. He was one of the kindest, gentlest people I ever knew. He will be missed.

My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Herman.

James A. Mayer

James Mayer - December 27, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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“ This is such sad news. They do not make humans like Herman anymore, they just don't. He wasn't just a talented architect and artist, he was maybe the nicest human being that I have ever met. I was lucky enough to have had the chance to work with him for a couple of incredible years and to consider him a friend for the last 2 decades, what a loss. I can't imagine the Fargo architecture world without Herman's talents and input and I can barely imagine the world, in general, without Herman. Rest in peace, my friend, you will be sorely missed.

-Scotty G

Scott Gilbertson - December 26, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ Herman was a truly kind person and a talented and dedicated architect. As a friend and colleague of many of us here at YHR Partners, his friendship will be missed! Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

**Mark Lundberg** - December 26, 2018 at 02:32 PM

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“ The Class of 1960 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herman Novak.



**The Class of 1960** - December 26, 2018 at 11:42 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all at this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He was a special person and a very good friend. Peace to All. Cecil & Sherry Dusek Winnipeg, MB.

**Cecil** - December 26, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herman Novak.



December 26, 2018 at 09:19 AM

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“ I KNOW THAT HERMAN KNEW HOW MUCH HE WAS LOVED BY THE LEO BURRIS FAMILY. OUR MOM'S WERE SISTERS. WHEN I WAS FIRST LEARNING TO RIDE A BIKE AND COULDN'T DO IT I WAS STAYING AT THE NOVAK FARM. WHILE THERE HERMAN TOOK ME ON THE BIKE DOWN A GRAVEL ROAD. ME TRYING TO RIDE AND HE RAN BESIDE THE BIKE HOLDING IT UP. I DID LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE. WE ALSO WENT TO SOME OF THE OLD TIME DANCES IN OUR HOME TOWNS. WE WERE CLOSE COUSINS OUR FAMILIES. THERE WERE EIGHT OF THEM AND SEVEN OF US. HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLDER THAN MY TWIN AND I. I AM GLAD I GOT TO SEE HIM AT HIS SISTER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE AND THE REMAINING BROTHER AND SISTER. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM. HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. PAT, HEATHER, AND TODD WE ARE THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME. LOVE FROM BETTY(BURRIS) SKARI AND BROTHER ALDEN

**BETTY BURRIS SKARI** - December 25, 2018 at 09:00 PM

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“ Pat and family, What a nice caring guy. What a wonderful smile that he always had. Always seemed glad to see us. We grew up closer to the Novaks since we were cousins and didn't live far from them. Got to see him at his sister Edith's Memorial Service. He looked so good. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Bernie (Burris) Sand

**Bernie Burris Sand** - December 25, 2018 at 06:15 PM

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“ Herman and I were colleagues. He was a calm, dignified, professional....not to mention a really good friend. We lost a good one.

Steve Revland

**steve revland** - December 23, 2018 at 06:15 PM

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“ We worked with Herman on many remodel and building projects, certainly one of our favorite designers. Truly a pleasure to work with and always made the projects fun, an easy team-member to work with & the end products were always successful. I won't forget Herman and his genuine interest in his work and attention to detail. Very sad to see him gone and he will be missed, professionally and as a friend! Hopefully they have put his pencil to work in his next life. Brad & Randy Wimmer, Wimmer's Diamonds.

**Brad Wimmer** - December 23, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Herman Novak Family-We are sorry to hear of Hermans `passing away- the Novaks were our neighbors and we spent a lot of time fooling around at their place-Herman was my younger Brothers Arnies age, and was a good friend of his-cousin, Dorothy, is married to Hermans Brother, Tony-thoughts and prayers with you-vern and dolorus krile, 1213 4th st north, fargo

**Vern Krile** - December 23, 2018 at 01:05 PM