



Peter W. Novack

January 28, 1923 - July 27, 2022

Peter W. Novack, 99, of Hudson/Greenport, passed away at his home Wednesday July 27, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Born January 28, 1923 to Walter and Anna (Organek) Nowak of Hudson, he was the second youngest of 11 siblings.

Peter is survived by his 3 loving children, Franni (Ernie) Southern of Sebastian, FL, Anthony of Hudson, Kathi (Stephen) Mims of Scottsdale, AZ, grandchildren Blaze Howe, Brie and Drew Novack, and Sarah and Patrick Mims, great grandchildren Jasper Howe and Kiley Grimm, and great great grandchildren Charlotte and Aubrielle Grimm. He is also survived by sisters Helen (Gordon) Simner of Ocala, FL and Amelia (Michael) Maruniak of Hudson, numerous nieces and nephews and his longtime friend and companion Madee Wagner.

Peter was predeceased by his wife of 51 years Madge "Babs" (Elsom), brothers Alexander (Rose), Patrick (Helen), John (Bette), Walter (Sylvia), and Frank (Mary), sisters Mary (William) Para, Sophie (George) McCafferty, and Rita (Pickens) Stewart.

When Peter wasn't fishing or sharing his knowledge of the sport with younger generations, you could find him at any number of bowling alleys, horseshoe pits or his beloved VFW Post playing bar dice. He was always up for a good party or a good cigar, and always had some big band music playing, amassing a collection of well over 5000 records, R2R tapes and cd's. As a teenager, he was a founding member of the Flying Dutchmen, a 22member community

service and fellowship club. Due to the outbreak of WWII and member enlistments, the FDC became inactive. Following the War, members once again took up their original mission. Thomas Quigley is now the only surviving member. In January 1943, Peter enlisted in the service, and was assigned to the 8th Air Force 20th Fighter Group 2041st Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon. He was stationed at King's Cliffe Airbase in England as a member of the Emergency Crash Crew.

In 1944, Peter's Platoon received the Soldier's Medal of Valor- the highest non-combatant honor-for their quick and heroic action when a P-38 Fighter crashed into an 8 acre incendiary bomb dump. Their bravery in saving the pilot's life and extinguishing the burning plane saved not only the airfield but the adjoining town as well. Peter received his Honorable Discharge in January 1946. Upon his return home, he became a proud member of Stuyvesant Falls Post 9593. Madge soon arrived from England, they married and settled down to raise a family. He resumed his position as a friction mixer at Universal Match Corp, a job he held for 44 years. At the same time Peter was the owner/operator of Pete's Pops Ice Cream delivering ice cream treats to children of all ages throughout Hudson and mid-Columbia County. Throughout the area, Peter was always known for his brilliant smile, his kindness, generosity and his willingness to help those in need.

Interment with military honors is scheduled for Cedar Park Cemetery on September 17, 2022 at 11:00am. A celebration of life will follow at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW, County Rte. 25. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene Counties.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Park
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ William J. Quigley Jr. And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Peter W. Novack



William J. Quigley Jr. and Family - August 09, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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William J. Quigley Jr. and Family - August 09, 2022 at 06:47 PM

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“ William J. Quigley Jr. And Family lit a candle in memory of Peter W. Novack



William J. Quigley Jr. and Family - August 09, 2022 at 06:45 PM

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“ Peter was talking to my Dad, William J. Quigley Sr., right up to a couple of months ago. The Quigley family now consists of William J. Quigley Jr., and Patricia Anne Jarvis both children of William J. Quigley Sr., who is also 99 years old, as of 07/23/2022. My Father William J. Quigley Sr. is the actual only remaining man left of the original Flying Dutchman Club. My Uncle Thomas Quigley was his younger brother and he passed away a few years ago. Peters older brother Frank Nowack was my Uncle who was married to my Aunt Mary Abitabile - Nowack, Mary, was my Moms older sister who was actually married to Frank. My Mom was the youngest of the Abitabile Family, Rose Abitabile Quigley. I do have very fond memories of my Uncle Frank and Peter, as I was growing up, especially playing horseshoes against the both of them also with a cigar & beer real close by us. This Quigley Family are now sending all of our deepest sorrow & regrets to hear about the actual passing of Peter. Peter and William J. Quigley Sr. had also been freinds for over 89 years, at least. Please accept our long time appreciation Of Peter and all of the Nowack Family. I do have many great stories and adventures of all of the old Flying Dutchman & Peter, as well as my Dad and the two of them were and always will be two of the very best from their Old Gang! We want to let all of the family members still with us here on this Earth, that the Nowack Family and all that are related are some of the best people who ever lived in good Old Hudson. May God Bless you all!!

William J. Quigley Jr. & Family - August 09, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ Laura Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Peter W. Novack



Laura Schmitz - August 08, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ So very sad to lose Uncle Pete, a great family man and one Pollack everyone truly loved. We will miss you greatly, all the fun when you sang with your sister Rita, the jokes and the hilarious moments. All the fun and happy memories you gave to all of us. Rest in Peace - Love you - Laura, Amanda and Melissa.

Laura Schmitz - August 08, 2022 at 03:08 PM