

# CHARLES N. "APPLE TREE" NOVAK



Lifelong resident of North Braddock, age 69, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

Born the son of the late Frank J. Novak and the late Marjorie (Matrosic) Novak. Beloved husband of Deborah A. (Ferguson) Novak for 44 years. Loving father of Francis (Samuel Encarnacion) Novak of New York City and Catherine (Joshua) Takah of Scott Twp. Preceded in death by his siblings, James

(surviving spouse, Barbara "Cookie) Novak and Dianne (late John) Yackovich. Dear uncle of Barbara (Robert) Chismar, JoAnn (James) McVeigh, Jean (James) Matrazzo, Dana (Mike) Kramer, and the late Anthony DiVencenzo. Great-uncle of Adam, Alexandria, Kyle, Brock, and Jane.

Chuck was a 1974 graduate of General Braddock High School. In his early years, Chuck worked for the Lanigan Funeral Home as a part time attendant and maintenance worker. He was employed with U.S. Steel Edgar Thompson Works in Braddock for over 44 years before retiring in 2016. Chuck was proud to have been a lifelong resident of North Braddock, and was also honored to dedicate a lifetime of service to his community through his involvement with the North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department. He held various leadership positions within the department, most notably Chief of Department. Chuck was known to assist with the annual street fairs and with the preparation of the haluski for the Lenten fish fry. He also received certification to work for the local HAZMAT team. Chuck was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Chuck treasured the memories he made spending time fishing in Pymatuning and visiting the Farma Campground in Greenville, PA. Being at camp always made him feel a sense of peace and relaxation. Chuck was a man of few words, but when he spoke with his unique sense of humor, he was quick to draw a laugh or smile from anyone close to him. He will be sorely missed.

Friends are welcome Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, 412-824-8800, where a Fireman Service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 12 noon in Sacred Heart Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Chuck will be laid to rest in Braddock Catholic Cemetery.

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