

## In Loving Memory of Paul Vincent Novakovic 1934 – 2025

Paul Novakovic, beloved husband, father, veteran, entrepreneur, and proud American, passed away peacefully in Hernando, Florida, in 2025 at the age of 90.

Born in Yugoslavia in 1934, Paul entered the world amid war and hardship. At just eight years old, he was wounded during a Nazi bombing — a moment that would define his spirit and resilience. Against all odds, he escaped Nazi persecution, beginning a long and courageous journey that led him through Italy, South life.

Paul was a man of remarkable intellect and boundless determination. After earning his engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), he joined the U.S. Navy, where he served with distinction. His aptitude and integrity led him into the intelligence community, where he quietly contributed to national security efforts with steadfast patriotism.

Throughout his life, Paul wore many hats — all with equal passion and precision. His many talents included being an inventor, a linguist, a mentor, and a builder of businesses. He launched multiple companies, culminating in the founding of Argotec, a defense technology firm that embodied his commitment to innovation, security, and American industry.

Fluent in ten languages, Paul was a master communicator. He had a rare ability to connect with anyone, anywhere - whether in the boardroom, at a backyard barbecue, or on the streets of a foreign city. His quick wit, charm, and sharp mind made him unforgettable, but it was his deep compassion and loyalty that defined him most to those who knew and loved him.

Above all else he cherished his family. He adored his wife Julie and deeply loved his children. Paul is survived by his wife, Julie Novakovic, and their three children Alison Novakovic, Parker Novakovic, Leslie Novakovic and her husband Andrew Harper. He was preceded in death by his brother and two sisters, whose memories he carried with reverence throughout his life.

Paul lived and loved with intensity, never forgetting where he came from and never taking for granted the freedom he fought so hard to earn. He flew the American flag proudly, was a true patriot, and a man of deep faith.

The family will be receiving friends at 11:00 am on Friday May 16th, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be at a later date at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

