



Anna Novak

August 9, 2022

Dr. Anna Novak (Sedal), 87, passed away on August 9, 2022 at her home in MacKenzie Place, Fort Collins, Colorado from natural causes following a years long struggle with memory loss and a broken heart after her beloved husband of 56 years passed in 2009.

Anna was born on January 19, 1935 in Uzhhord, and raised in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, the only child of Mikulas and Maria Sedal. She married her first and only love, Dr. Ervin Novak on August 20, 1953 and together with their two small children they emigrated to the United States in 1964.

Anna lived a life full of accomplishments. She was educated in Czechoslovakia where she earned her medical degree. She arrived in the US not knowing any English and quickly learned the language, passed the medical boards and embarked on a successful career as a physician during a time where there were very few female doctors. Anna worked as a trauma physician in the emergency department at Borgess Hospital for many years and then at the Sindecuse Health Center at Western Michigan University where she became the Chief of Staff. Anna was well-liked by her colleagues and patients for whom she showed kindness and care and provided excellent medical treatment.

Anna and Ervin did everything together and enjoyed many diverse activities

including travelling, theater, music, art, hosting parties and socializing with friends. Anna was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed.

Anna is survived by her son, Michael of Denver, CO and his partner Terri Littleford; her daughter, Katherine (Townsend) and her husband David, and grandchildren Nick, Ryan and Lana of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Tribute Wall



“ Anna Novak

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Dear Family,

I will always remember the sound of Anna's heels clicking down the ER corridor at 0810 to relieve me when my 0800 shift ended.

She always maintained that in Czechoslovakia, physicians had a 10-15" cushion of this sort.

When reminded where she lived now (no cushion), she just smiled and went about her shift.

I knew Erv too, and fondly remember his intelligence, good cheer, and willingness to help out a colleague (me) who knew nothing at all about Dermatology.

Truly an outstanding couple.

Regards,

Dick Nivala MD/ Pam Nivala RN

Dick Nivala MD - August 28, 2022 at 06:42 PM



Dear Michael and family,

I always enjoyed seeing Anna at medical meeting which she attended after working at Sincuse Health Center. Dr. Ervin Novak was always helpful with dermatology problems when I worked in occ health at Upjohn. I'm sorry for your loss. Anna was a great lady.

James Voigt, MD

James Voigt - August 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM

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Anna hired me at Sindecuse Health Center. A wonderful colleague and great personality. I did learn from her more than few medical pearls in the beginning as I started my college health career. I can not stop savoring sweet memories of my tenure with her at Sindecuse. I pray for the ultimate peace to her soul and extend deepest sympathy to everyone in the family.

Pradip Bhatt M.D.

Pradip Bhatt - August 30, 2022 at 02:39 AM