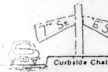


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## THE NOVESKE ORGAN

### St. Anne's Catholic Church Has a New Super Pipe Organ

Thomas J. Noveske, 66, of Grants Pass, died on Tuesday, July 14, 1992, at his home. He lasted four months after his doctors diagnosed cancer and gave him six months to live. Surviving members of his immediate family included his wife Doris, two sons Thomas and John, and daughters Susan Morris and Nancy White. He was also survived by a twin brother, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

Beyond the personal hurt of losing her life-long companion, Doris Forthofer Noveske faced an important decision—what to do with a nearly finished pipe organ, a labor of love by her husband

and her.

In the silence of her home, Doris walked around the organ pipes fitted throughout their 1600-square-foot basement. A vow grew stronger as she looked out over Colonial Valley from the mountain view they had enjoyed together—Tom's pipe organ should be offered to St. Anne's Catholic Church in his memory. The full, melodic sounds that only a full-blown pipe organ can produce must survive his life on this earth.

The loneliness of death can be especially devastating to a spouse who shared every "pipe" dream, built a home together from the ground up, and had looked admiringly over the shoulder of a husband always

Tom Noveske, left (in picture to left), is shown with his twin brother Joseph, at a Church Confirmation service. The brothers were always together, including their stint in the Navy from 1944-46.

Tom Noveske (picture below) at Grafton, Ohio, High School graduation in 1943. Before attending high school, Tom installed a "PA" system in his elementary school in the principal's office with speakers in each classroom. Early TV sets were about to be marketed, but Tom built his own set from parts he ordered, hooked it to



his 85-foot antenna by his parents' home, and was pleased to see a clear test pattern. While his father watched, he admonished Tom that he should have a trade. "Electronics is just a hobby," his dad said.



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Not everyone understands the extra value of a true pipe organ, but Gustav Hoffner came forward with \$20,000 from his late wife Franciska's estate to help move the organ from Doris' home daylight basement to a vaulted location of beauty over the west entrance of St. Anne's.

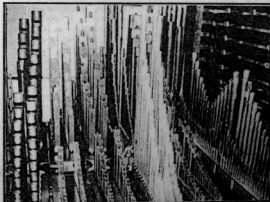
It took \$14,000 more in donations to complete the project. From this generosity, local pipe organ expert Bob Lewis was employed to do the installation. Father Karl Schray of St. Anne's added, "Bob Lewis is a meticulous engineer, preparing the pipes and their air chests, and the many relays, switches, and valves."

During a two-year period of planning and installation, Doris Noveske worked along-

side—a valuable therapy during each day as the loads of pipes, 908 in total, were moved from her home. Now St. Anne's Church enveloped her life even more. Loneliness was replaced as she learned to know many, many parishioners in the church, helping to fill voids. Her goal was focused and intense, as had been the life of her husband Tom.

The project succeeded with sheer grit and support from her church friends. Several local church organists who have played favorite selections intended for quality pipe organs are most impressed. Grants Pass has another very special church pipe organ for those who have a very healthy addition of listening to the extra special beauty of pipe organ music!

—Ross N. Roe



Row after row of just some of the ranks of organ pipes fill a special room at St. Anne's Catholic Church above the west entrance. These pipes were gathered by Tom and Doris Noveske from old churches, theaters, and organ repair shops. At the first concert exhibition, Grants Pass organist Lisa Thomas and violinist Harry Sweet played for an audience at

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Tom Noveske and Doris Forthofer of Avon, Ohio, dated in 1948 and were married in 1949. They are pictured at his parents' house in Grafton, Ohio, where Tom erected his own 85-foot tower and antenna to pull in the distant new pioneer TV station WEWS of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947.

#### 908 pipes in St. Anne's organ:

##### Swell Manual:

8' Viol Diapason	61 pipes
8' Vox Humana	61 "
8' Oboe	61 "
16, 8, 4, 2 2/3 Flutes	85 "
8 TC Viol Celeste	54 "
8' Gamba	61 "

##### Great Manual:

8' Open Diapason	61 pipes
4' Octave Diapason	61 "
8' Stopped Flute	73 "
8' Melodia	73 "
8' Dulciana	61 "
8' Clarinet	61 "
4' Flute D'Amor	73 "

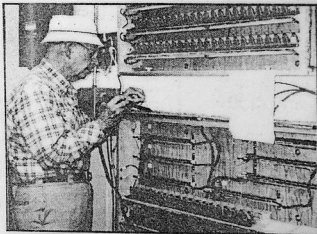
##### Pedal Keyboard:

16' Bourdon	30 pipes
8' Dolce Flute	32 "



St. Anne's. In addition, Lisa played three organ numbers, including Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor." Avid organ fans who have that number on a CD are known to close all the windows of their home and turn up the volume to hear the high treble notes that run down into rich bass sounds, an effect that only a full-size organ can deliver through an accomplished organist.

Grants Pass pipe organ technician Bob Lewis is shown assembling controls that operate valves to each pipe, per command of the organist at the keyboard. St. Anne's Father Karl Schray quoted a combined statement of two of St. Anne's organists, Rita Hanks and Bill Richardson: "When you have live sound of pipes, it is wondrous. This pipe organ's sound can't be adequately described."



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Of the four children, one son, John, and his wife Kristin, live in Grants Pass and operate The Grants Pass Antique Mall at 224 SW 6th Street. John actually was responsible for the initial interest in organ building that his father developed in the 1980s. In 1986, John and a friend were building a tracker organ in Fresno.