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NOVACK, DR. HARRY S. 91, of The Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, died May 15, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Mae E. Novack, a decorated World War II Army Nurse.

Born in Chelsea, MA, a son of the late William and Bertha (Forman) Novack, he also was a decorated veteran of World War II.

Dr. Novack earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Emerson College in Boston and another M.A. from Northwestern University in Chicago where he was later a Visiting Scholar. His PhD was from Syracuse University. He was a Fellow of the Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, and a Fellow of the American Association of Mental Retardation. He had received Honors from the Connecticut Speech and Hearing Association, and served on several advisory committees of the March of Dimes. He was a former Trustee of the John E. Fogarty Foundation. His research and publications emphasized the need for the prevention and early detection of handicapping conditions in children.

Dr. Novack was a retired psychologist and language pathologist, and Professor Emeritus of Special Education at Rhode Island College. During his tenure as Chairman, he trained teachers for work with retarded, emotionally disturbed, and physically handicapped children. In 1964, Dr. Novack was appointed a professor in Brown University's Institute for Health Sciences.