In memory of my parents, who loved Christmas

## Last Silent Noël

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My mother Mary Helen Novak, died 3 days before Christmas in 2016; it was unexpected. My father Daniel Novak, died a year later on December 26, the day after Christmas. In this piece, the opening motif is mom calling to dad from Heaven to come join her; throughout the piece she continues to prod him with that starting motif. Her Christmas song is Silent Night. He answer her with "First Noel", indicating that he would like just one more Christmas with loved ones. Finally, he joins her to sleep in Heavenly Peace. Alto clarinet is optional; it is covered in the 4th clarinet & bass clarinet parts.











