



Ralph F. Triska

May 7, 2005

SURFSIDE BEACH.....Ralph F. Triska, a 30 year resident of Georgetown County has died. He was born September 5, 1923 in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Purdue University as a metallurgical engineer and after serving in WWII, he went on to work for the Dept. of the Navy where he was given the "Distinguished Civilian Service Award" for his contributions to the design and development of the first high speed fast attack nuclear submarine-Thresher. He later became a land developer in Southern Maryland where his love of design and nature led to construction of one of the first premier country club, golf course, marina and housing development locales in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Tantallon on the Potomac is now home to many influential Washingtonians. He planned to semi retire to the Myrtle Beach area and was drawn to the charm of Murrells Inlet where he and his wife Flo created Flo's Place Restaurant and Raw Bar which has now been in existence for 26 years. Land developers plans can sometimes change. Such was the case for Mr. Triska. He acquired Smith's Landing and had dreams of creating a marina complex there; however, after much controversy he decided to focus his energies on Flo's Place which has now become a Murrells Inlet tradition. He is survived by his loving wife and local legend Flo, by a daughter, Deborah Griffin and by his sister, Mother Mary Joseph Triska of the Carmelite Monastery in Port Tobacco, MD, and by his brother, Judge Richard E. Triska of Lebanon, OR. A mass of christian burial will be celebrated 1:00 PM, Monday, May 23, 2005 at St. Michael Catholic Church.

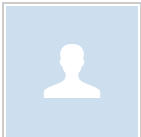
Burial with military honors will follow in Ocean Woods Cemetery. \tThe family will receive friends from 6-8 P.M. Sunday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. \tMemorials may be made to Carmelite Monastery, 5678 Mt. Carmel Rd., LaPlata, MD, 20646-3625

Tribute Wall



“ My friend Ralph Triska was an icon in Murrells Inlet. His tenacity in development is and will remain legendary. His complete dreams for Smith's Landing were unfortunately never fulfilled. But he battled the giants against him with everything he had in him. His ability and drive to take on the government battles for decades made him a hero to developers and business people who fight those same fights Ralph undertook with vigor. I'll always remember him for his business acumen and his drive to fulfill a dream. For over 22 years as a resident of Murrells Inlet, Ralph and Flo were a part of my life in many ways. And Flo's will remain a place to dream on a lazy afternoon, watching blue herons cross the creek airborne. Ralph will be a fabric of the Inlet that he cherished as Flo's will remain the tradition that he and Flo created together. My heart and thoughts are with Deb and Flo and their family today. To Ralph, I say, "Thanks for letting me know you! I cherish always the times we had together." With love and respect, to an old friend, and to his family, Rick##imported-begin##Rick Cropper-Jenkins##imported-end##

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“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Ralph,s passing. Flo and the family are in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Dean and Becky Moffatt##imported-end##

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