

Nikel, Julius

Julius "Nick" Nikel, 82, of New Port Richey, Fla., and formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2002, at his home with hospice care following a long illness. Born Oct. 30, 1919, in Latvia, he was the son of the late Herman and Augusta (Walters) Nikel. He and Phyllis Poschke were united in marriage on Nov. 21, 1940, in Cleveland, Ohio. They opened the Beach Restaurant in 1950 in Harbor Beach, and they built and operated the Helm Restaurant and Motel in 1955 in Harbor Beach until they retired in 1973. Nick is survived by his wife, Phyllis Nikel of New Port Richey, Fla.; a daughter, Phyllis Jean Schubring and her husband, Larry, of Swartz Creek; a son, Walter Nikel and his wife, Sandy, of Harbor Beach; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Augie Nikel of Parma, Ohio; and a sister, Amelia Frank of Wellington, Ohio. Nick was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest Nikel. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2002, in the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach with the Rev. James G. Wilber, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Flint officiating. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Friday and from noon until the time of services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Faith Lutheran Church, Hernando-Pasco Hospice, W. Pasco Parkinson's Fund or the Alzheimer's Fund, all in New Port Richey, Fla., or to the charity of the donor's choice.