

A Man and a Fork

A young man had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as he was getting his things in order, he contacted his priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes.

He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him.

"There's one more thing," he said excitedly. "What's that?" came the priest's reply.

"This is very important," the young man continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young man asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Priest.



The young man explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. She said..."

"In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say,

'Keep your fork.' "It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

"So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?'"

Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come."

The priest teared up as he hugged the young man goodbye. He knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did. The best is yet to come.

(We thank Trader Dick for this one.)



**Want to win this car?**

**1964 Ford Galaxy 500 XL 2-door Hardtop , only 10,055 miles!**  
\$100 for each raffle ticket. Limited to 500 tickets .Drawing to be held on St. Patrick's Day. Go to the VFW in Key Largo at 102255 Overseas Hwy for tickets.



**Bayside Sunset Bar**  
4 pm-10 pm

**Celebrate Sunset**  
Most Photographed Sunset in Key Largo!  
**Live Daily Conch Shell Blowing**

**LOCALS' FAVORITE**

**Bayside Grill: Keyribbean Kooking & Kocktails**  
open 11:30am-10pm • [www.keylargo-baysidegrill.com](http://www.keylargo-baysidegrill.com)

**Best Live Music Schedule in Key Largo**  
Entertainment calendar at [keylargo-baysidegrill.com](http://keylargo-baysidegrill.com)

**305-451-3380**  
**MM 99.5 Bayside, behind Cafe Largo**

**Key Largo Island Market Keep Calm - We Are Here to Stay!**

<b>Jewelry</b> <b>3 for \$20</b>	<b>PATIO FURNITURE</b>	<b>Grand Opening of</b> <b>Keys Bath and Body Shop</b> <b>All Natural Soaps</b> <b>3 for \$10</b>	<b>Amish Cheese</b>	<b>KEY LIME PIES</b>
<b>CLOTHING</b>				<b>Artists</b>

**Open 7 Days • MM 101 Bayside, Key Largo - By Dollar Tree. New Vendor Special: \$25 a Table**

**Specializing in Prefab/Manufactured/Mobile Home and RVs. Patented Engineered Roof.**



**1-866-969-5493**  
Family Owned & Operated • Florida State Certified  
Roofing Contractor CC C1328662 CC CO42787  
General Contractor CG C1505972

**Discover the AMS Advantage!**



**LIFETIME TRANSFERABLE WARRANTY ON AMS ALUMINUM ROOF-OVER**

**AMS offers a Wide Range of Quality Products That:**

- **Protect Your Investment • Save You Money • Enhance Your Quality Of Life**
- **Provide You With A Lifetime of Maintenance-Free Comfort**

**Dependable Service Since 1977**

**\*\*\* SPECIAL FINANCING AVAILABLE \*\*\***

**\*\*\* AMS is Rated Florida's #1 Remodeler by Qualified Remodeler Magazine \*\*\***

- Weather-Lok Roof Over
- Insulated Vinyl Siding
- Window Replacements
- Carports & Screen Rooms
- Carport Ultra-Fence
- Metal Roofing
- Acrylic and Vinyl Enclosures
- Storm Protection
- Deco Kool Ceilings
- Patio Covers and more...



**\* FLORIDA BUILDING CODE COMPLIANT \***  
Licensed & Insured • CG C1505972 • CC CO42787 • CC C1328662

**Visit Our Website [www.AMSOFFLA.com](http://www.AMSOFFLA.com)**