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Restaurant Reviews: Locals' Favorites

I love raw fish. Sushi. The Bagel Roll - salmon, cream cheese, scallions, and rice rolled in seaweed... delicious. Originally there were only two restaurants serving su-



Num Thai's storefront

Right after that, two new sushi restaurants opened in Key Largo, Sushi Saki, a restaurant chain from Mi-ami, and Key Thai. My friend and I made it a point to visit both new places and neither can begin to compare with Num Thai. We enjoyed the decor and our fantastic wait-ress Melissa at Sushi Sake in the Pink Plaza and the food was fair but the prices were high and portions smaller than what we are used to... and then my friend became ill after we left. At Key Thai in the Waldorf Plaza, our fish tasted like it was old and on the verge of going bad. Although we did not get sick, we are not going back there. Nothing beats Num Thai. They have been in business

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over 20 years and they live in Key Largo. When the radio station was awarding "Best of the Upper Keys" awards, they won every year in their category. Their menu is the largest and you will see many other restaurant owners din-



Blackwater Siren's Jessi & Chef Lolo

ing there too. Call in an order to go and it will be ready when you get there: 305-451-5955. The absolute best new restaurant in town is the Blackwater Siren, located on Yacht Club Drive just under the Jewfish Creek Bridge (next to the Anchorage) and across the water from Gil- bert's Resort. Stop in and meet the owners, Jessi and Chef Lolo. Enjoy cocktails in their screened in tiki bar, and watch the sunset over Blackwater Sound. In all my 27 years in the Keys I have never seen a new restaurant

get such rave reviews. The prices are very reasonable and the food is outstanding. One local said the prime rib they serve on Saturdays is the best he's had in his life! While dining or having cock- tails with friends, you can enjoy the best local enter- tainment around. At Blackwater Siren, locals get 20% off thru the month of May. See their ad on page 4, and for more details check out their Face- book page or call 305-780- 7382.

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John K. Shirila, formerly of Tampa, passed away on April 23, 2017. He is survived by his sisters, Vicki, Jackie & Barbara; nieces Colleen and Kristyn, and nephews Joey, David, Kyle and Chad. He was preceded in death by his father John and his mother Martha. John retired three years ago and moved to Key Largo. He had a passion for fishing, boating, listening to blues music and playing his harmonica. John was an army veteran, serving in the Vietnam war. Those close to him knew a warm, kind, joyous soul and always saw the best in every situation and person. He is gone but never forgotten.

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