



Mary Kay Amerling
June 15, 1945 - May 19, 2019

Mary Kay Amerling died May 19th at Crystal Health and Rehab on Plantation Key after a lengthy illness under Hospice care. She was born in St. Louis, MO. to Kent and Luella Middleswart. Her family relocated to Hamilton, Ohio when she was young. She attended Ohio State University majoring in English.

Mary Kay had been a resident of the Florida Keys for over 30 years working as a bartender at the renowned Hukilau Bar in Key West and many service industries in the Upper Keys. One of her favorite memories was when she lead the first all female crew of the Key West Sailing Club race to Cuba. The women's team won the first leg of the race because Mary Kay instructed them to remove their tops and sail topless, throwing off the male crews. They lost the return leg because they decided to stop, visit and sail back with bottlenose dolphin.

Mary Kay had a memorable life living in San Francisco, CA., Truro, MA. with time camping on the beach in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. She had a variety of interests including reading, sailing, snorkeling and scuba diving as well as supporting many non-profit groups promoting animal and nature.

Mary Kay is survived by her brother and his wife, Ed and Judy Middleswart who live in Pensacola, FL. and a nephew Dale Middleswart. Her neighbors, and the staff at the Monroe County Library, Key Largo Branch were very important to her life and hand delivered books to her at the Rehab center.

The afterlife is graced by her presence now and she is probably fishing with her Dad, reading with her nephew Alex Middleswart, and slipping in a few hands of Knockout Bridge with her Mother.

Donations in her name may be made to: Friends of the Key Largo Library, POB 836, Key Largo, FL 33037

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“Nuff Said” wins Elks’ 7th Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament



Captain Cecil Everett, fishing aboard the “Nuff Said” led his anglers to victory. Candace Everett from Key Largo had the largest fish of the tournament, weighing 43.1 lb. Candace was fishing with Tiffany Vega, also from Key Largo. Mate Bobby Everett gaffed the big fish and another two for the ladies, producing a combined winning weight of 90.8 pounds!



Second place went to local resident Amie Smith along with Jennifer and Rebecca Brito. The team’s fish were caught aboard the “Last Dance” captained by Robert Collins. The team weighed in 48.1 lb. of dolphin.



The “Pile’em In” won Christine McGee of Key Largo, Chelsea Barrett from Tampa, and Carole Prelismick from Hollywood, third place trophies. The team weighed in three fish for a total of 43.6 lb



Now, That's How It's Done!

Four gals have been going on the same fishing trip for many years.

A few days before the group's annual departure date, Mary's husband puts his foot down and tells her she isn't going. Mary's fishing buddies are very upset that she can't go, but what can they do?

Two days later the three get to the boat ramp to find Mary sitting on the dock box, drinking a cold beer.

"Girl, how long you been here, and how did you talk the hubby into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last night. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my recliner when my husband came up behind me, put his hands over my eyes, and asked, 'Guess who?'" He was in the mood!

He took my hand and pulled me into the bedroom, where he'd lit candles and put rose petals all over the place. He was really going for it!

On the bed he had handcuffs, and ropes! He told me to tie him up and cuff him to the bed, so I did. And then he said, 'Do whatever you want.'

So, girls, here I am!

Seventy-eight anglers boarded 31 boats on June 8th for a great day of fishing in the Florida Keys Elks Lodge's 7th Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament. The combined weight of three fish determined the winners in this one-day fishing event.

Prizes were awarded to the top 10 teams. The awards ceremony was fit for the Queens of the fishing world. "It was great to be able to fill our winner's bags with such wonderful items from business throughout the Upper Keys" stated tournament co-director Denny Tarbell. "The Elks have such wonderful charities that this event will help to support. This was the result of a lot of hard work from a great team of people who all came together and put on a tremendous show."

If you would like to become a member or for more information on the Elks and the charities they support visit the web site at floridakeyselks1872.com or call 305-852-1872.

For more pictures from the tuournament, see our Conch Characters on page 14.



An elderly couple were at home watching TV. Phil had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel.

Sally became more and more annoyed and finally said, "For God's sake, Phil, leave it on the porn channel. You already know how to fish!"

Teach a man to fish and he'll play with his fly all day!

