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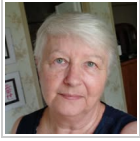
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John Anthony Rybik, Saint Augustine Florida Passed away Friday Nov.19, 2010. John was born in Illinois on August 02, 1920 to Felix "Fred" Rybik and Mary Rybik He was one of 7 children. He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946; he met and married Cecilia Sylwestrak of Harvey Illinois in 1946. They had 3 Children; Lori in Elgin, Illinois, Celeste in Placerville, California, and Fred in Whitehall, Michigan. After the death of Cecilia in 1965 he later married Teresa Pawlowski of Montague, Michigan. After she passed away in Florida in 1975 He never remarried. He is survived by his 98 year old brother Stanley in Texas, 3 children, 5 grandchildren. John was raised on the south side of Chicago; at an early age he had an opportunity to play baseball in the minors. His parents objected saying "Only bums play baseball". In later years John was often heard saying "Those Bums really make a lot of money!". His first job was as a caddy in the summer, followed by a job at the Libby canning factory, after that at the Buda plant in Harvey, then later in construction. He partnered in a construction business in Illinois building homes until his move to Michigan in 1955. In Michigan he partnered with his wife's parents and turned an estate on White Lake into the White Sands Resort. At that time he was also active with the White Lake Chamber of Commerce. During this same time he worked various other jobs, construction, machine shop, and even as the Harbor Master of White Lake. Retiring from Michigan in the mid 70's, to Florida where

he and his second wife, Teresa, ran a manufactured home community in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Even then he supplemented his work with a construction job. He was devoted to his garden and was often seen with a shovel or rake in his hand as it was noted in the local newspaper.

Tribute Wall



“ *I think of you often, John, with so many fond memories. I miss our talks about everything from kids to plants.*

Linda Schwiesow-Nycum - September 20, 2024 at 06:48 AM

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“ *My father led a very full life and accomplished much. Most of all the legacy of the construction of White Sands Resort. Fred and I were very fortunate to have grown up in such an amazing environment. I will always be grateful to dad for that. In his later years he longed to reunite with our mother whom he missed dearly. I pray that you both have finally now found peace and happiness. Love Celeste*

celeste wilson - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lots of great memories, Anthony & I hope you are finally in a happy place!*

Fred A. Rybik - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM