



"Love me or leave me...Hey, where you all going?" -Anon.

While traditions remain the same, times do change. So, along with the changing times, after 86 years. Russo's Restaurant & Bar, one of the island's oldest, family-owned businesses, closed their doors on Saturday, October 11th, 2008, leaving a memorable and delicious history behind. Stories of family bootleggers and rum runners were told, as the Russo's planned the restaurant's final meals. Once the announcement came that the restaurant would be closing, customers came out in droves, wanting one last Russo's meal. Mixed emotions filled the establishment on their last days, as customers and family alike shared happy memories and sad good-byes.

If you would like to remain in touch, you can do so virtually by logging onto the facebook site **'Friends of Russos.'** You can post photos along with the great oldies already up there, such as these, and hold onto the memories together.

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Friends of Russo's

many photos courtesy of Sue Kelly



Bob Waterworks



Eric Watson



Nancy



Lisa Shucks' Raw Bar



Al Spaulding



After Hurricane Gloria in 1988 the rugs were taken out and the dining room became a rollerskating rink!



John & Millie Kennedy



Shirley



Mr. John Barret



Frank Walters



Gerry Durante, Jim Lyod, Ed



Gerry Pet



Russo's Dart Team~ Mark Kohler, Bob Petrella, John Burdsall, Steve Roach, Bob Anderson, Bob Smedley, Henry & Mike Burdsall



Sue, Teri, Nora



Woody Hall & Bernie Durante dancing at Teri & Scott's wedding circa 1988



George Anderson



Jim Bacon



Mike Mullany, Kathy Sevard, Sandy Hall, Terry McDermott, Veronica Holmes Burdsall



Chalkie, Ozzie, Nora, Eddie Mullen, Charles Tucker



Woody & Sandy Hall



Herb Porter



Rob Sterling & Stanley



Doug & Janet Ford



The Family dining



The General & his Lady



Sue Delinsky, George Durante, Jackie Bernstein, LouAnn Catanoso, Kathy Asteo



Jamie Russo, Mike Bernstein, Sam Russo, Tom Gaynor, Bianca Russo



Jim Watson