

Nick Perdomo Sr.

Tobacconist *Today* solemnly reports that Nicholas Perdomo Sr. passed away on July 2, just three weeks before this year's RTDA Show. He was 66.

A bull of a man with a soft heart, Perdomo Sr. oversaw Tabacalera Perdomo's tobacco and cigar production at its factory in Esteli, Nicaragua, using skills he had learned at the Partagas and La Corona factories in Cuba. Tabacalera Perdomo, owned by Nick Perdomo Jr., makes a variety of cigars, including Estate Seleccion, Perdomo², La Tradicion Cabinet Series and Edicion de Silvio.

An ardent anti-communist, Perdomo Sr. survived an attempt on his life by pro-Castro insurgents and emigrated to the United States in 1959. Proud of his family's accomplishments in its new home, Perdomo Sr. always thanked God for allowing him to come to the U.S. "It has given my family the precious opportunities of freedom they

never would have had in Cuba."

Funeral services for Sr. Perdomo were held July 5 at Caballero Rivero Woodlawn Funeral Home in Hialeah, Fla., and he was interred at Woodlawn Cemetary West. Perdomo is survived by his wife Mary; two sons, Nicholas, Jr. and William; brother Antonio; sisters, Daisy and Xiomara; and four grandchildren, Nicholas III, Natalie, Alexa and Emily.



Perdomo Sr., right, posed with son, Nick, and his grandson Nicholas III at last year's debut of the Edición de Silvio cigar.