



CELEBRATION BRINGS GRACE AND UNITY

A unique characteristic of the Catholic Church is its devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In May, St. Anthony's Church celebrated her feast day with a procession through the streets of Peterstown. The event brought together factions of the neighborhood united by the consummate model of a mother's love.

St. Anthony's pastor, Fr. Patrick Angelucci, could not be more pleased with how the feast of Mary Help of Christians unfolded. He acknowledged the work of all the parishioners, individuals and businesses that volunteered and donated to the cause. He especially recognized the young folks for taking the initiative in organizing the events of the day. Father Pat credits Ben Farina with the idea of bringing back the celebration in a big way, as it was done decades ago, before Ben was even born. Ben spearheaded the planning, organizing and promotion of the event. He also reached out to parishioners of all backgrounds to work together on the liturgy, procession and feast.

Father Pat could not begin to name everyone individually, those who prepared and served the food, and the men who literally took on their shoulders the privilege of carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother. The throne that was used to carry the statue was built by Daniele Crincoli and Ignacio Farina. A traditional Italian brass band fronted the procession and the many residents who came out of their homes to pay tribute to Mary. Many followed along to enjoy the feast back on the church grounds. It was truly a family day.

The feast day is not only important to Catholics but even more so for the Salisian order of priests and nuns. The founder, Don Bosco, dedicated his life to helping disadvantaged youth. His devotion to the Mary Help of Christians was rooted in what the story of Mary represented, unconditional love. He used her example to guide his own actions and teachings.

Don Bosco began his work on December 8, 1841 and his order has developed into an organization of nearly 16,000 brothers and priests throughout the world. On December 8, 1923, the first Salisians came to Elizabeth to work at St. Anthony's parish. Of course, the Peterstown neighborhood that the church serves had changed dramatically over the past ninety years. The families of Italian immigrants that made up the vast majority of residents have gentrified and made room for a new wave of Latino immigrants. The predominant trait of both communities is their allegiance to the Church and it was on this common ground that Ben sought to bring the groups together. The results were noticeable to many as the procession snaked through the neighborhood singing and praying in three languages, English, Italian and Spanish.

A true devotion to Mary means following her example. Two points in particular that Father Pat made in his lectures are: Mary's accepting God's will; and her role as the first disciple. He instructed his parishioners to also be as available and open to accept the events in their lives no matter how extraordinary. Mary showed a tremendous amount of trust in dealing in something that was not easy to understand. As a disciple she taught how to act as Jesus acted.

The message is simple and universal, sometimes rejected by those of other faiths and non-believers as being religious dogma. The message has a lot to do with what it means to be a good mother, how to make the tough choices, to always do what is right and just, to have hope and faith, acceptance and grace. These are all traits attributed to Mary.

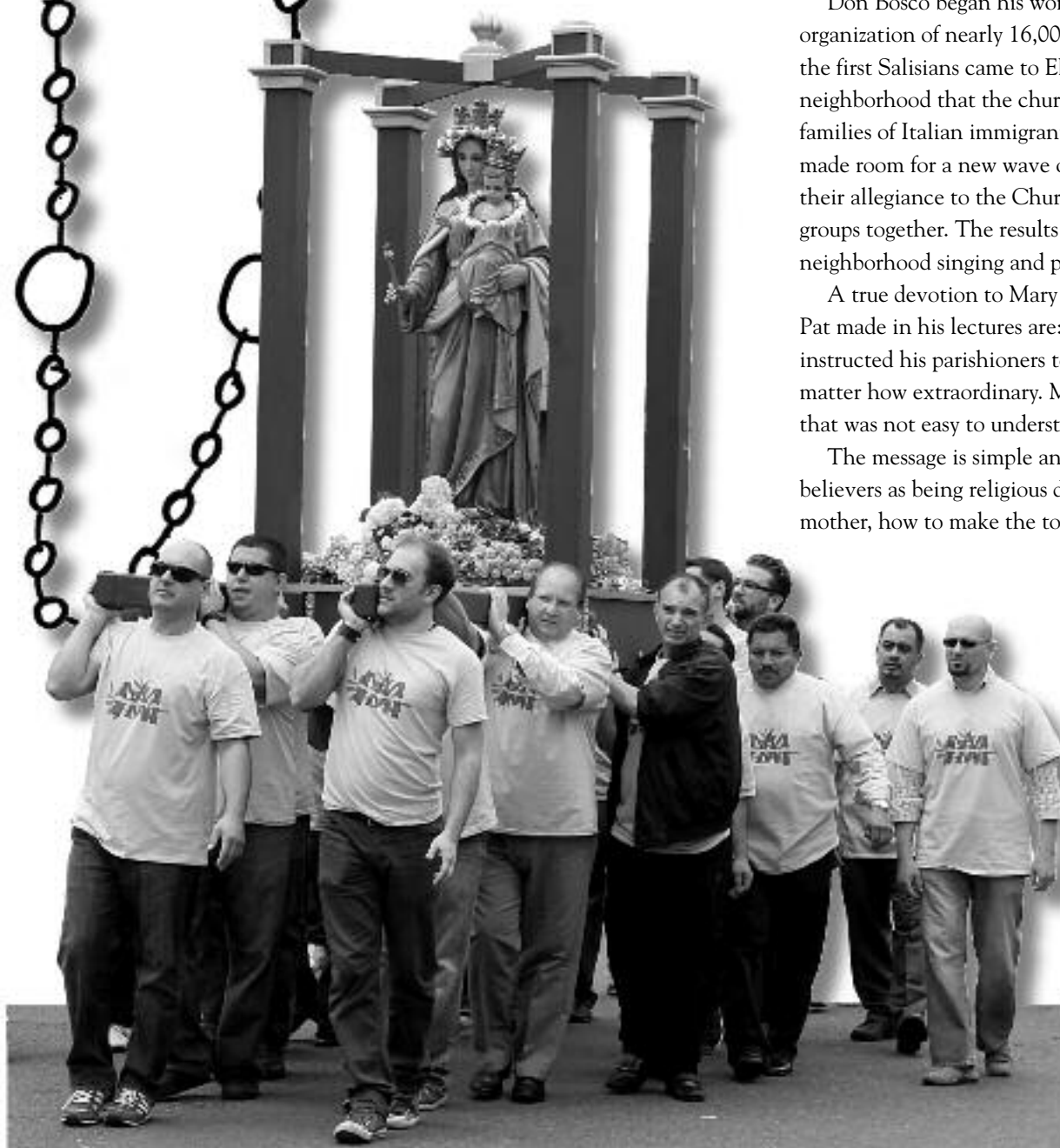
The images of Mary are prominent in and around the church. The procession took the image to the people, where they live, work and play. At one point, as the procession passed the School #3 playground the soccer game halted. Players and fans lined the fence to join in prayer as the statue moved down Third Avenue.

An old time parishioner described the day to Father Pat well, saying "We all came together as a family, Americans, Italians and Hispanics, to pray, work and celebrate." Every mother should be like Mary in uniting her family. Every child should honor and praise their mother. 🇺🇸

(left) Parishioners of St. Anthony's church carry the statue of the Blessed Mother through the streets of the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ in celebration of the feast of Mary Help of Christians.



(above) Angela Quaglia had the special honor of placing the crown on the Blessed Mother at the start of the procession.





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President's Message



I was able to stand in front of my store and watch two processions pass by in the course of a month. It reminded me of when I was young and this was common place.

The May crowning, as we used to call it, was a big deal that involved the entire grammar school. Earlier this year the Spanish speaking congregation organized a procession during lent depicting the passion of Christ. The turnout was huge. After a down turn on church participation over the years it is refreshing to see our parish growing.

The grammar school, Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy, is slowly growing and stabilizing. It is still a long row to hoe but with the support of the community the church and school can prosper.

I'd like to thank those who have stepped up in support of the parish and would like to ask more folks to get involved. It is really a worthy cause and is rewarding. Hope to see some of my old friends come around.

God bless,
John Sacco, President
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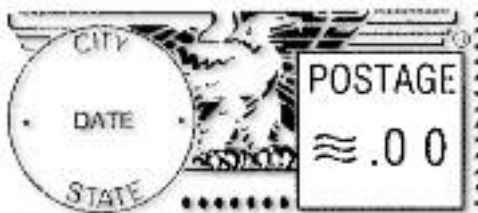
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Dear Friends,

In honor of the first Mother's Day without ours, last week Dureen and I held the unveiling of a memorial garden bench and area at Phoenix Mountain Nursing Center dedicated in her memory with the funds donated to the Doris T. Mariano Memorial fund. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. Happy Mother's Day to all who helped us become the people we are. Hug your mom today if she is still with you.

Fran Reeher,
Scottsdale, AZ



(above)
A framed full color of the Doris Mariano tribute from the Peterstown newspaper hangs in a place of honor.



(above) Fran and Doreen sit on the bench under a tree dedicated to their mom at the Phoenix Mountain Nursing Center.

Joe & Tina,

On behalf of our Alma Mater, St. Anthony School, thank you so much for all the time you take to be present at events related to our school. Thank you also for the photos and articles regarding our school that you print in your great newspaper. It was great seeing you in May at one of our fund raisers. I can tell you that although I live in Louisiana, and am not able to be present at every school event, I am always so thankful for the times I am able to attend. I feel a very close affinity to both the school and all my old classmates.

God bless you Joe and Tina.

John Nocera

Calhoun, LA

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Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

More times than I can count I get a request to write an article about the nicknames of the people from the neighborhood. In the sixteen years of publishing the newspapers it was very rare for me to use a nickname in an article. The times when I did use a nickname was when the subject or family endorsed it. In this issue I write an obituary for Anthony Ciaramella. Some know him as Tony but almost everyone knew him as G-man.

No one really knows where his nickname came from. He had it since he was very young. My father, Pete, was one of Tony's best friends for the past seventy years and he said that when they met at the age of 13 he already was known as G-man. You may have noticed that I referred to him as Tony and that was after years of calling him Mr. Ciaramella until his wife Mary told me it was alright to call him G-man.

Even though I knew everyone's nickname I didn't dare call my elders by their nickname. It was always Mr. then their surname. I was more comfortable as an adult addressing elders by their first names as I became their peers in organizations and in work situations. But I still maintain the Mr. and Mrs. address to some old timers as a sign of respect. It was the way I was brought up.

When the person was not in my company then it was fine to use their nickname. In fact no one would know who I was talking about unless I did. Sometimes a person was only known by their nickname. In the same vein, I would never refer to someone by nickname with anyone outside of the community.

To me a nickname is very personal. Unless the person wants to promote it himself then it is not my place to expose it. Plenty of jokes have been made about the Italian culture and the use of nicknames.


There is truth to that but not for the reasons made popular in the movies. The use of nicknames is a way to operate without any ties to a persons legal name. That may be true but it is true for criminals of every nationality. The term G-man is credited to Machine Gun Kelly who used it to address the federal agents who came to arrest him, as in "Don't shoot, G-man!"

The nickname used in the Italian culture exist on a personal level not the public arena. In my experience the names derived from the need to distinguish between so many folks with the same first and/or last name. In a close knit community like Peterstown this occurred dozens of times. The tradition of naming children in honor of their grandparents and parents was the main cause of this.

Other nicknames refered to the trade or craft that the person worked in, or it derived from an athletic skill. Mostly though it was a short reference to a physical attribute.

The nickname could have originated from the family or from friends, but for whatever the reason the person was tagged their name it was done with affection, and usually with the approval of the person.

The origin of most nicknames can never be known outside of the few friends who were around when it was first used. Some people have a list of several names used in a variety of social circles.

It's inappropriate to use these names outside of the social circles in which they were created. As entertaining as the list may be to read, please stop asking me to publish them. 



(above, on right) G-man Ciaramella

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


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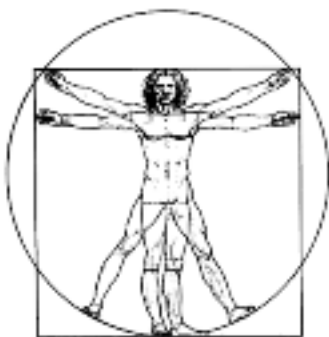
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Natalie Santillo has always played competitive sports from a very young age. Her dad, Joe, was always her biggest supporter. When she lost her dad in 2009, she felt like she had lost her biggest fan.

Natalie played softball at William Paterson University, and when she stopped playing she felt like the inner athlete in her was lost . . . until she discovered the sport of powerlifting. She had actively competed in the sport of crossfit, but found that the weightlifting and power movements sparked her interest most. During one of her chats with a colleague, George Samuelson, she jokingly said "I want to do a powerlifting competition." His initial response was, "Alright, when are we starting?" He was filled with enthusiasm and it was contagious, so Natalie

ran with it. She planned to compete in the World Natural Powerlifting Federation (WNPF) NJ State Championships on June 8, 2014.

Natalie works as an Exercise Physiologist at Hackensack University Medical Center Fitness and Wellness facility. She writes exercise programs and trains people for a living, but when it came to her own training, she needed a coach.

George stepped up and made Natalie believe that winning was possible. Then about six weeks prior to the WNPF competition Natalie injured herself sprinting and wound up with a Grade 2 hamstring sprain. The injury set her training back four weeks and she wanted to give up. She remembered her dad always telling her to finish what she started, regardless of the situation. With her father as inspiration and George's "It's a grind" mentality ingrained in her mind - Natalie had all the tools needed to succeed.

The meet took place the weekend before Father's Day. Going into the competition, she was hungry to win. She took first place in the 18-23 Junior Raw Classic division. She also set three New Jersey state records in the squat, bench press, and deadlift categories. She finished with a 300 lb squat, 145 lb bench press, and 330 lb deadlift. Natalie also set a new National record with the 300 lb squat and qualified for the WNPF National competition in July.

Needless to say, Natalie had a "GREAT day!" and said "I was proud to represent my gym, my coach, my family, and most importantly myself. Without the great support system I had, this would not have been at all possible. Although my father couldn't be there, I knew he was watching. And I knew he was still my number one fan. 🐾"

(left) Setting the new state deadlift record- 330 lbs!



(above, l-r) Natalie with her brother Joe and her dad.



(above, r-l) Natalie Santillo and her coach George Samuelson

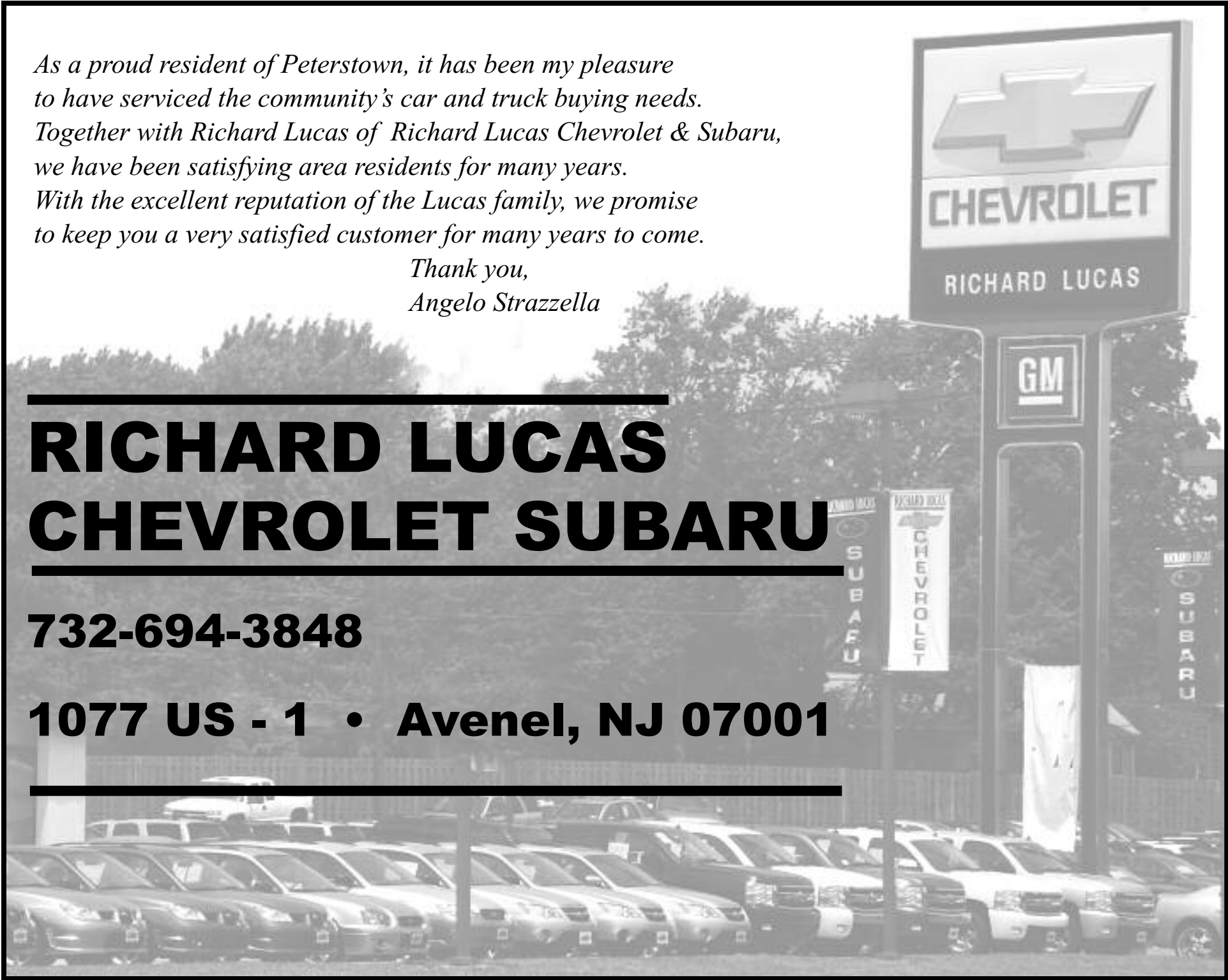
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MARY AND MIKE MOSCATIROLO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

AUNT MARY & UNCLE MIKE

Submitted By Joe & Josie's kids, Angela, Joey & Lisa Faccone

They lived in the same neighborhood since 1928 in Elizabeth. They could not avoid seeing each other in their teen years walking to and from the neighborhood stores and attending the young teens ten o'clock Sunday Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Some people wait a lifetime to find the right person but not Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moscaritolo. On June 24th, 2014 they celebrated 70 years as husband and wife. Mike attended Thomas Jefferson's all-boys high school and Mary attended Battin's all-girl high school. They never really had a conversation together and only said "hello" while passing by each other.

One evening Mike was visiting a buddy who was a baker at his father's bakery shop when Mary entered the store to purchase a loaf of Italian bread. Actually, the bakery was located on Centre Street directly behind Mary's house. Mike's friend invited her to come in to the back where he was baking the bread to meet a friend of his. Mike said "Hello Mary" and Mary's response was "Oh, I know Mike!" They chatted for about 10 minutes. It was the very first time they actually exchanged a few words. Previously, Mike really only noticed her light brown, long, wavy hair and her cute little nose. However, this time he noticed her pretty face and lovely voice and he thought she looked gorgeous up close.

Mike's high school prom was coming up in May 1941 and, from that day on; he knew there was only one person he wanted to invite. It was Mary! She graciously accepted his invite. They were both 18 years old and the prom was their very first date.

In September 1940, Mary attended Drake Business College. Mike would meet her and carry her books home for her. During the day, Mary was employed as a secretary in the main office at Singer Sewing Machine Company. Mary never had a boyfriend prior to Mike's prom and has never had another boyfriend again. She was Mike's first

girlfriend and they have been together ever since.

Mike was an apprentice at a barbershop and worked long hours. He finally convinced his dad he could make a lot more money by opening his own barbershop, which he did in 1940 on Elizabeth Avenue. Each month that went by, Mike was busier and busier in the barbershop. On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the United States and World War II started. Mike had to sign up for the military draft and perhaps go to war. He had been seeing Mary twice weekly and on Sunday they would both continue to go to the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Anthony's Church but from this point on always together. There was no one else for Mike and he had been dating Mary now for approximately two years when he asked Mary to marry him. Of course, Mary said "maybe". Mary never responded with a yes or no. Anytime Mary was asked anything, it was always a "maybe".



(above, l-r) Paul and Mae Netta, Red and Elvera Deiso, Ray and Fil Manganelli, Jack and Marie Thomas and Mike and Mary Moscatirolo in 1995 at the 50th wedding anniversary party for friends Fil & Ray.



(above, l-r) Mike and Mary Moscatirolo in 1993.



(above, l-r) Mike and Mary in 1943.

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A PETERSTOWN MEETUP IN THE DESSERT

Submitted by Franceen Mariano Reeher

I knew that a Peterstown "Meet-Up" in the desert would eventually happen – and it did. After reading about my mother, Doris DeMarzo Mariano's passing (October, 2013), which was highlighted in the February 2014 issue of the Peterstown News, a family friend, Gloria Nufrio, reached out to us. Since my mother grew up in Peterstown on Second Avenue (between Amity and Palmer Streets) and my father, Michael Mariano grew up on Palmer Street (mostly between 3rd and 4th Avenues), they shared some mutual friends. My father and his two sisters, Esther Mariano Stankunas and Anna Mariano Carroll always talked about the "Palmer Street Gang" and were so proud to be a part of it – apparently so was Gloria!!!!

Well....about 30 years ago, my Aunt Ann and her husband Tom left Elizabeth and moved to the Phoenix area. We always visited them in Tempe so an eventual move for me to Arizona was not a surprise. My mother moved to Arizona with us in 2011 until she passed in 2013. Then after her husband died, Aunt Esther moved to Scottsdale in 2012. This was monumental since she lived within a 10-12 mile radius of Peterstown her entire life but she realized that having family very close is always great AND in Arizona there would be no more snow!

One day in April, 2014, Aunt Esther got a call from a "long lost friend" - Gloria Nufrio who visits Scottsdale annually to spend time with her niece and nephew, Ivonne and Greg Gierwielanec. They had moved to Arizona on a job change. Greg's mom was Gloria's sister, Rae Nufrio. Gloria read my mom's memorial and saw that Aunt Esther recently moved from New Jersey and so she asked her nephew Greg to "track her down". Turns out that Gloria's nephew lives about one mile from Aunt Esther. Gloria, who knew my father and two aunts "from the neighborhood" had not seen each other in almost 50 years – even though Gloria lives in Point Pleasant and Aunt Esther lived in Elizabeth, Colonia, and Scotch Plains until 2012.

So... Gloria, Esther, and Anna met up several times over Gloria's month long Arizona visit and talked and



(above, l-r) Gloria Nufrio, Esther Mariano, and Anna Carroll visiting at Greg's house in Arizona.

reminisced about all the families who were part of the "Palmer Street Gang" during the 1930's-1940's. Most of the kids who were members of the Perrotti, Maringello, Papetti, Mastriano, Rotolo, Busichio, Nufrio, Triano, and Mariano families went to School 15, Cleveland, Battin, Jefferson or Edison. They talked about all the kids sitting on the Maringello's porch or roller skating or bike riding on Palmer Street every night between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Most kids had to be home by the 9:00 p.m. curfew and according to my aunts, their father (and my grandfather) Charles Mariano, would "lock the door" at 9:00 p.m. and if you didn't make it back in time, you had to sleep on the porch!!!! My father, Michael, was one of those poor souls who got to sleep on the porch!!!

Not sure everyone's father was that strict, but Gloria, Esther, and Anna talked for hours about how close they all were as friends and even after 50 or so years, all the memories of living in Peterstown came back to them "just like it was yesterday". They plan to "Meet-Up" again when Gloria returns to Scottsdale for a visit hopefully before year end 2014. Peterstown really does travel! 🍷

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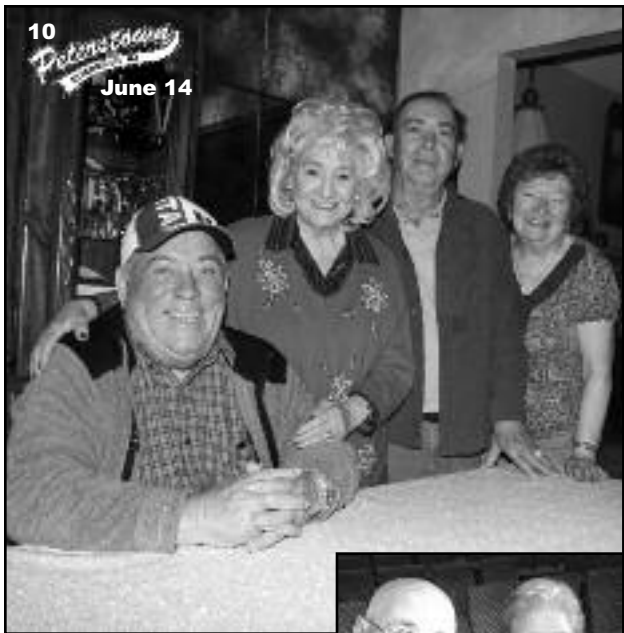
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(above, l-r)
Angelo and Isabella,
Nicky and Johanna.



(right) Vito and Nina



(above, l-r) Poppa John and Angelo

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A Norwegian who was attending an Italian cooking school was told by his teacher that it was almost impossible to find abbacchio in America. He was elated when he was able to buy the baby lamb at Calamusa. As was the Argentinian who wanted a cows head to roast over coals. Nick Calamusa said that they would sell every part of the animal except the lungs, which was not allowed by law and came with a hefty \$5,000 fine.

Nick and his brothers Angelo and Vito all worked in the family business. They were joined by their wives and another half dozen family members. It was truly a family business. Even the non-family employees were related to one another. For instance all three LaBrutto brothers, Louie, Jack, and George all worked at the butcher shop. Patrons got to know the staff at Calamusa who were all locals, Vincent, Tony, Frank Guarsci, Mike Conoshenti, Renee, Ann Marie Odde.

The Calamusa family came to Elizabeth in November 1955 from the Sicilian town of Marsala, Italy. Angelo was 21, Vito was 17 and Nick was 15 when they arrived with their parents Giovanni and Paula, and were received by their Uncle Joe and Aunt Mary (Fichelli) Calamusa.

Nick worked for their cousin Simone's pork store at 11 Centre Street and in the open air market. He and his brother Angelo learned the butcher business, while Vito was in the Army. In short time they knew enough to venture out on their own and opened their own shop on Third Avenue which they ran for the next forty years.

Angelo was a true salesman. Growing up in Italy he would purchase things and sell them in his neighborhood. When he left the store, he went to work at Musco Food Corporation as a salesman, one of the largest food suppliers in Italy. He won a contest for selling the most Barilla pasta and won a trip to California.

During his travels, Angelo would purchase silverware,

vases, table cloths that he would send to his family still in Italy. He had demitasse coffee pots and cups. He also had shirts and jackets. He continued to find and purchase items in the same manor for his butcher shop. If he found something special that he thought his customers would like he would buy it and offer it for sale in the butcher shop. The shop was full of items like spaghetti platters, umbrellas, espresso makers, and clothing, many items were unique and hard to find in America.

The attraction of these accoutrements were second to the main reason why the customers loved Calamusa's and that was the quality of their meat and service of their staff. Variety was the spice of life in the shop. Sausage was made fresh daily. In the summer there was specialty sausage like parsley and cheese, pepper and onion, broccoli rabe or just plain hot or sweet sausage. At Easter, there was fresh nanny goat (caprette), baby lambs and rabbits. There was also Perugina chocolate eggs with a surprise inside. At Christmas, there was plenty of baccala for the Christmas Eve meal. Calamusa's had fresh fruits and vegetables that Angelo picked up at the farmer's market. He would stock specialty items that he knew his Italian customers would like, items like snails or nespole.

"Poppa John" was the sausage maker and was one of the best around. Upon his return from the Army Vito became the deli man specializing in super-sub's and party platters. The entire family helped by doing their specialty, Nicky was the butcher he made special cuts of meat and seasoned the roasts. Vito made the olive salad using an old recipe he got from his mother-in-law Anna. The children cracked the olives for the fresh olive salad. Angelo's wife Isabella and Vito's wife Nina made potato salad several times a week. Nicky's wife Johanna made rice pudding.

Angelo had three children, John, Nick and Paula; Vito had two sons, Frank and Michael; and Nick had two daughters, Pauline and Christine.

John Calamusa passed away in 1992 at 86-years-old and Paula passed in 2000 at 88. The family sold the store in 1991, ending a wonderful family business and an asset to the community it served.

Angelo now lives in North Carolina, Nicky and Vito are still in New Jersey. They still hang around with their old friends and play cards on a weekly basis. These friendships go back to when they first arrived to America. They frequented the bowling allies in Elizabeth and Linden, but on a daily basis they could be found hanging out at the Cannon on Second and Elizabeth Avenues.

The family still see their old customers from Peterstown who share memories of going to the store. The Calamusa family wants everyone to know "We would never forget our customers and their families. They are all wonderful people. They are what we miss most. It was a wonderful part of our lives." 🍷

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(above, l-r) Michael Calamusa (Vito's son), Vito Moscaritolo, Nick Calamusa, Vito Calamusa, Angelo Calamuso and Natale



(above, l-r) Angelo and Vito with a 450 lb hanging Provalone cheese. The store sold up to 1,000 pounds of cheese every two weeks.

Recipes

Submitted by: Angelo and Isabella Calamusa

Albachio

Baby lamb

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 Lamb (cut into 4 pieces) | Olive oil |
| 2 Onions (sliced) | 1/4 tsp Salt |
| 4 Potatoes (cut into chunks) | 1/4 tsp Black Pepper |
| 2 Stalks of Celery (chopped) | 1/4 tsp Nutmeg |
| | 1 cup White Wine |

PREPARATION

- 1) Place lamb into greased roasting pan.
- 2) Toss in Onions, Potatoes, Celery with Olive Oil
- 3) Season with Salt, Pepper, and Nutmeg and toss again
- 4) Add Wine and toss again
- 5) Cover with foil and cook in oven for 1 hour at 450°
- 6) Remove foil, toss and cook for another 1/2 hour

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INGREDIENTS

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| 6 Fresh Tuna Steaks | Onion |
| Flour | Garlic |
| Olive Oil | Wine Vinigar |
| | Dried Curried Olives |

PREPARATION

- 1) Flour and fry tuna steaks and remove from pan.
- 2) Sauté onion and garlic in the pan
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- 4) Bake for 1 hour.



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(above, l-r) Nick, Vito and Angelo in 1989
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(right) The crew that hung out
at the Cannon in the 50's and 60's
reunited in 1989.

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The Square would be the start and the end of their daily activities. Hang outs such as Olympia Square were common in the neighborhood. They were the news centers of the day and the hub of social circles. Nick actually met his wife Johanna at the Connon when they were still teenagers.
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(above, r-l) Anthony and Mary Ciaramella
on their wedding day February 7, 1953



(left, l-r)
Gina and Tony
Ciaramella in
1907.

ANTHONY “G-MAN” CIARAMELLA PASSES AT 89

Few people referred to G-man by his real name, Tony Ciaramella, even in his eulogy his granddaughter Gina referred to him by his popular nick name. Anthony J. Ciaramella Sr. passed away on March 24 2014 at the age of 89. He was an iconic figure in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, where he was born and raised and where he spent most his life until moving to Clark, NJ to live with his daughter Sandie after his wife Mary passed away in 1998.

G-man’s popularity spanned generations. He was loved by all, young and old. He spent time playing cards and hanging out with his lifelong friends who were members of the Kingston Club as well as sitting in the bleachers watching the local softball teams play. He was the consummate fan of the youth and adult teams, watching the young players advance to the bigger leagues.

Tony also enjoyed watching buildings being built. He spent a lot of time riding along with Anthony Dimaio Jr. to different job sites. Dimaio owned the construction Company W.D. Snyder which he has run since his father passed away.

Tony was the son of Frances (Genovese) and Michael Ciaramella. He had a brother, Alberto and a sister, Jenny Saunders. Tony and Mary were married on February 7, 1953. They had two children, Sandie and Anthony, Jr. Sandie has one daughter named Gina Marie. Anthony Jr., along with his wife Bridget, also has a daughter, Alexis, plus two sons, Anthony III and Sabatino.

G-man had an engaging presence in every social situation. Always upbeat and always the cause of a big laugh. He stayed very active up until he passed. He died at his home in the company of his family. 🐶

A TOUCHING EULOGY READ BY GINA

I just wanted to take a few minutes to say a few words about my beloved grandfather, “G-man.” Words cannot even express what this man means to me. I can’t imagine loving anyone the way I love my grandfather. He taught me everything I know. I will never forget all the good times I have spent with him.

During our time together, he would boss me around, telling me which way to turn and how to get places that we’ve been to a thousand times before. It actually made him happy!! I pretended I needed the help. Having him by my side was the most fortunate gift.

One of the things he enjoyed most was indulging in his favorite Italian foods, like my mom’s meatballs. It was a rare occurrence that I would let him eat them because he had to watch his diet and I wanted to hold on to him as long as I could. While I realized this was unrealistic, I do now have the feeling that his presence will forever be

in my heart.

He looked forward to his Sunday mornings at my Uncle Anthony’s house drinking coffee and what he believed was the best coffee made by my Aunt Bridget. Nothing meant more to him than love in our family. He would always say that’s all that mattered. He enjoyed the days where he drove to W.D. Snyder to meet Jr. to go for a ride. It made him so excited that he spent the night before laying out his clothes and preparing for an adventure that meant so much to him. And for that I’m forever grateful. T

here are so many memorable moments that he and I shared together. I cherish every one. Our life talks are the ones I found most rewarding. He always instilled in me the importance in finding passion in my career. His continuous support and belief in my gifted hands, which he called magic, reinforced the belief in me. He would smile and tell me how much he sees himself in me and how proud he is of all my accomplishments. That is the best complement anyone could have ever given me.

However, it is me who holds pride in being able to call him not only my grandfather but my father too... It is because of him I am the person I am today. I know that he is resting easy with my grandmother and their crew having coffee, cake and playing cards in heaven.

Even though you are no longer physically with me dad! I can still strongly feel your love and presence around me now and forever.

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