

Gaetano Giuliano

“Who is Gaetano?” is a question we get almost everyday. To be put simply, he was our great grandfather. I don’t recall his personality because I was too young when he passed, but those that knew him, all say the same thing. He was an amazing man.

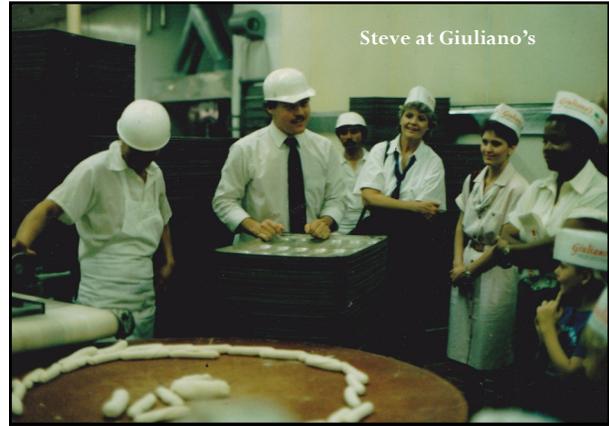
Gaetano was born in the early 1900’s in New York City to Italian immigrants that owned a local grocery store. At an early age, he lost his father, and took on the responsibility of running the family grocery store, as well as caring for his seven younger brothers and sisters (he was the oldest). The store lasted until the Great Depression hit, in which they sold the business and he worked at a number of various jobs.

In the mid forties, he moved his family to California



Young Gaetano Giuliano in Wakefield, MA

and settled in Gardena. With the help of his wife, Francis, he opened, “Giuliano’s Deli” in 1952. Shortly after the opening of Giuliano’s, his sons Busty (our grandfather) and Paul (our great uncle) took over the operations of Giuliano’s. With their strong presence and the help of many family members, Giuliano’s grew to thirteen



locations. One of those family member’s was our dad, Steve. He was the Director of Operations and had a leading role in the expansion of the Giuliano’s Delicatessens.

Gaetano passed away in 1988. His passing (and other factors) led to the split of Giuliano’s. Our Grandfather sold twelve of the deli’s. Uncle Paul took the Gardena location, which is the only Giuliano’s still operated by our family today. And our Dad left Giuliano’s to start a new restaurant. When it came time to name the restaurant, there was only one person he felt deserved to be honored. He named it, “Gaetano’s.”



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