



Ralph Giordano

November 26, 2008

Our beloved dad and pop-pop, Ralph Giordano, of Carneys Point, NJ, passed away on November, 26 2008 at the age of 98. Born Raffaele in Salerno, Italy August 29, 1910 to the late Angelo and Maria Giordano, he immigrated to the United States via Ellis Island in 1913 later settling in South Philadelphia. At the age of 17, he crossed the river into Salem County, NJ where he lived and worked ever since.

He was employed on the family farm in Oldmans Twp as a young man and worked briefly at DuPont Chambers Works and Campagnoni's Bakery on Walnut St. in Penns Grove. Later branching out on his own, he began delivering Italian bread to all the local farms in the area from Salem to Gloucester County gaining the nickname: Ralph "the Breadman". He continued his deliveries well into his nineties.

He was a member of the American Federation of Musicians Local 595 in Vineland and headed his own band known as the Ralph Jordan Orchestra. The Ralph Jordan Orchestra entertained many local families throughout the tri-state area over the years. He also was fortunate to have had the opportunity to play behind legendary crooner Al Martino at a West Philadelphia charity event.

Not only did he have a passion for music, of which his neighbors have professed to have so dearly missed the sound of his horn from across the street, he also loved to repair jewelry. Friends, family, and even patrons on the bread route would routinely give him their watches or necklaces to fix in his tiny makeshift workshop in his basement. He also loved to make his yearly trip to Florida with his lovely wife Eleanor, family, and friends. In 1996, Ralph accomplished another lifelong dream by visiting his native land of Italy for the first time since his immigration.

Ralph is survived by his three children, Anna Mae Shoemaker and husband John of Pilesgrove, NJ, Geraldine Giordano of Woodstown, NJ, and James Giordano and wife Henrietta of Carneys Point, NJ. He is also survived by his ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife Eleanor, brothers John, Carmen, Joe, and sisters Rosina, Angelina, and Mildred.

A visitation will be held on Sunday night, November 30, 2008 from 7 till 9pm at the Adams Funeral Home, 18 E. Maple Ave., Penns Grove, NJ 08069 and again Monday morning from 9 till 10am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said Monday, December 1, 2008 at the St. James R.C. Church, 114 State St., Penns Grove, NJ 08069 at 10:30am. Interment will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Swedesboro, NJ. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

The family has requested to send all donations to National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 www.kidney.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Giordano Family,*

*My sympathies and condolences to all of you.
I have fond memories of Ralph as a child, for he was our breadman
and always delivered us fresh tasty bread daily with a big smile on
his face.*

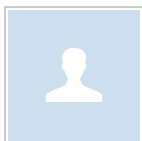
*He was a very nice pleasant, and wonderful man , and I will never
forget him and how he helped our family. I will keep Ralph and his
family in my thoughts and prayers.*

May God Bless Ralph Always.

God Bless,

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“ *I want to offer my condolences of the passing of RALPH. I grew up
knowing RALPH as that I lived on a farm near Auburn and RALPH
would bring us ITALIAN bread almost daily. I waqs always happy to
see RALPH , knowing that some one cared enough to deliver fresh
bread for our family. We were so appreciated of RALPH.His passing
brings me and all of my Family sorrow and heart touched feelings
for all of your FAMILY for your loss of such a Great Man,
Father,GrandFather,Great- GrandFather , and all of your FAMILY.
GOD BLESSRALPH and GOD BLESS YOU . Gaetano Puglisi
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“ Well, we are now the "older Generation" Uncle Ralph was the last of our parent's generation. I can remember many a summer at his home (either a party or just simply visiting)we always had a good time.

He will be sorely missed.

*Love cousin Rita & Family##imported-begin##RITA
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