



## Gaetano Buffa

July 15, 1956 - October 29, 2020

Gaetano Buffa, age 64, of West Point, VA, passed away on October 29, 2020. Gaetano was born to Guiseppe and Luisa Buffa, on July 15, 1956 in Carini, Sicily, Italy. He came to America in 1972, at the age of 16, with family on summer vacation and decided to stay and create a life in the United States. He worked hard to learn English on his own and establish himself, while working at Anna's Pizza in Buck Roe.

Gaetano later moved to Danville, Virginia in 1976, with his sister, Mimma, and brother Joe. They worked together as a family to start their first restaurant, Joe and Mimma's.

Years later, around 1984, Gaetano moved his family to Midlothian, VA where he founded Sergio's Ristorante, Sergio's Pizzeria, Tramonto at the Brandermill Inn, and Luisa's Pizza. Around the year 2000, he made the huge decision to purchase Anna's Italian Restaurant in West Point, and that is where he ended up putting down roots and building lasting relationships.

Gaetano is survived by Luisa Buffa (mother), Ryan Buffa (son), Brianna Buffa (daughter), Antonio "Joe" Buffa (brother), Mimma Brooks (sister), his ten grandchildren, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins, both here in the USA and abroad.

Gaetano is best characterized as being a determined, hard-working, generous man who loved his family. He loved making everyone around him laugh, and was constantly joking and dancing through life.

More than anything else, Gaetano was a man who took care of people. If

someone was in need, he did whatever he could to help. Community involvement was important to him, and he participated in the Midlothian Jaycees, as well as many other community sponsorship events.

Gaetano was well-known for his Italian cuisine and family recipes...he even placed second in the Richmond Pizza Competition. He loved his home country, Italy, fishing, watching horse racing, soccer, football, basketball, as well as collecting art and vintage jewelry, but most of all, he enjoyed his work at the restaurant, and connecting with the people of West Point.

A public walk-through viewing is scheduled at Vincent Funeral Home in West Point, VA on November 3, 2020 from 5:00-8:00PM. A private funeral will be held at a later date.

Special thanks to all of Gaetano's "Second Family" at Anna's Italian Restaurant in West Point for keeping the restaurant running during his illness, and also for their decades of love and support.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~ Romans 15:13

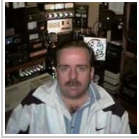
# Previous Events

## Walk Through Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

# Tribute Wall



“ I was 15 of so working the kitchen of Anna's Pizza when Gaetano was the pizza maker out front back in 1975. Was a really likeable guy and used to sing along with the Jukebox when David Bowie's song Fame would be playing.

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**Eugene Thibeault** - April 26, 2022 at 10:24 PM

MC

“ I'm so happy for knowing geatano I worked for him when I was young and he treated me like family, definitely saddened by his passing and will always remember all the good times I had working with him,

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**matthew catlett** - July 07, 2021 at 04:57 AM

FF

“ Gaetano gave me a job at the brandermill Inn when I was in college. I have such great memories of him cooking, watching sports and just being himself which was quite a colorful character. My condolences to his two fine sons. I found this obituary because I always checked up via the internet to see where and how he was. -  
Francesco Finizio

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**Francesco Finizio** - May 22, 2021 at 05:48 PM

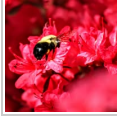
MB

“ Gaetano became my godfather in 1978. Gaetano. And Joe gave me my first job. Gaetano and his family paid for my marriage and reception. They treated me like family.love you markel Bowles



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**Markel Bowles** - December 06, 2020 at 01:58 AM



*Hello Marke! Thank you so much for your post here. I actually included a photo at the memorial from the J&M Danville days .. is there a way I can send you a copy along with the Google photo album if you like? Send me your email or call any time I would love to hear how you are doing.*

*lorigoodbody@gmail.com  
410-726-5342*

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**Lori Goodbody** - January 04, 2021 at 10:45 AM

GP

“ *Grace Pittari lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



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**Grace Pittari** - November 14, 2020 at 07:47 PM

KL

“ *Our condolences to Gaetano Buffa’s family. Gaetano always had a cheerful smile and shared a kind word...He was a friend to many. He was community-minded and, along with his brother, nourished generations in this little community. May perpetual light shine upon him... In sympathy, The Liberato Family*

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**Karen Liberato** - November 10, 2020 at 11:11 AM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



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**Heather** - November 07, 2020 at 02:02 PM

JE

“ Sad news, prayers to his family and friends. I(Jeff) work with Colonial Downs in New Kent. Buffa was a guest of ours on the regular. He loved the thrill of horse racing. He was passionate man, and was kind with the same kind of passion My entire team in the cage knew Buffa, and he made our team smile when he came through. He would look out for our team(whether it be food or a good laugh). He personally invited me to bring my girlfriend to his restaurant. I think he genuinely wanted to be a friend when/where he could.

Jeff - November 07, 2020 at 01:35 AM

Brandy  
Ebisawa

“ We are so sad to hear this. Such a nice person. He gave one of our little girls a snow globe that he had sitting on his table because he thought she was cute. ☐



Brandy Ebisawa - November 05, 2020 at 07:48 AM

JB

“ Jeanette Burrell lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



Jeanette Burrell - November 04, 2020 at 12:30 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



Cindy Jordan - November 03, 2020 at 09:03 AM

BS

“ *Betty Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



Betty Sullivan - November 03, 2020 at 07:45 AM

CC

“ *Gaetano was a huge part of our lives, especially in the past 4 years. He had really become family to us. We cried and laughed with him. We loved him so much. He was so good to us. Always making sure my food was fixed for me with each of my shoulder replacements. Many nights he and I spent time together watching the Italian cooking show. We will never forget you. Your kindness and friendship will never be forgotten. May God comfort your family in their time of grief. May God give them strength to carry on without you. Family was so important to you. You loved your family dearly. Always making time to talk to your family daily no matter how many pizzas you had made that day and no matter how tired you were. We miss you. Fly with the angels.*



Carole and RN Coffman - November 02, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gaetano’s passing. He was a frequent customer at our auction gallery as both a buyer and seller. He will be missed.

Kit Booker - November 02, 2020 at 09:08 PM

DM

“ Don Lee Masterson lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



Don Lee Masterson - November 02, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DM

My best friend gone too soon .I miss you already ,I was suppose to be with you a few weeks ago .I also know your in gods hands please watch over us .we love you my buddy

Don Lee Masterson - November 02, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SR

“ Shelby Revere lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



Shelby Revere - November 02, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JP

“ *Judy And Glenn Palmer lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



**Judy and Glenn Palmer** - November 02, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JR

“ *To Gaetano's Family, Friends and Employees. We offer our sincere sympathy to each of you. May God wrap his arms around you, bless and comfort you. RIP Gaetano .Jim and Beverly Ross.*



**Jim Ross** - November 02, 2020 at 11:11 AM

BE

“ *Ben J. And Deb W. Edwards lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



**Ben J. and Deb W. Edwards** - November 02, 2020 at 10:19 AM

EW

“ *Elaine Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



**Elaine Wyatt** - November 02, 2020 at 10:06 AM

AJ

“ Sorry for your loss ,,may god be with the family during this time...  
He was loved and liked by so many..  
Aaron and Betty Johnson



Aaron and Betty Johnson - November 02, 2020 at 09:28 AM

KW

“ Karen Wright lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



Karen Wright - November 02, 2020 at 08:08 AM

DH

“ Debra Carter Hendershott lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



Debra Carter Hendershott - November 02, 2020 at 07:13 AM

JS

“ James W Skelton lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa



James W Skelton - November 02, 2020 at 06:48 AM

CK

“ *Cindy And Ray Kessler lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



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**Cindy and Ray Kessler** - November 01, 2020 at 01:35 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Davis lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



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**Mary Ellen Davis** - November 01, 2020 at 10:30 AM

CC

“ *Gaetono was truly a great man, a great blessing to my family and to myself. I will certainly miss joking with him. May the Buffa family find comfort in knowing that he is with his heavenly father.*

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**Carol Carter** - November 01, 2020 at 12:30 AM

CD

“ *I was truly saddened to hear of Gaetanos passing. He will be missed. May God bring you peace and comfort today and through the days to come.*

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**Charlene Davis** - October 31, 2020 at 11:26 PM

TM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Tracee McLeod** - October 31, 2020 at 07:58 PM

RO

“ *It so sorry for your loss*

rosa - October 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JR

“ *John & Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Gaetano Buffa*



John & Vickie Roane - October 31, 2020 at 07:05 PM

OC

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all who knew him.* 🙏

OJ Caprio - October 31, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family members. Rest in peace.*



Homer Humphreys III - October 31, 2020 at 06:02 PM

BH

*Am so sorry for his passing as he was such a thoughtful person who ran his restaurant in faith and served his community well. RIP, you will be missed.*

Brenda Hundley - November 02, 2020 at 08:41 AM

DF

“ My condolences to his family, work family and friends. Rest In Peace Gaetano. You will be missed by so many.



Donna Fudala - October 31, 2020 at 03:59 PM

NG

“ I meet Gaetano over 30 years ago, we both from the same town in Italy, and both in the restaurant business. Our friendship grow to the years to the point that we become partners in a restaurant. It did not look last long, but our separation in business did not damage our friendship at all, actually it made it stronger. Last time that I saw Gatano was for a sad event, the funeral of his son Ryan. We hug and cry together on each other shoulder calling each other brothers. I would never imagine that I would never see him again. I will miss you brother, but I know God has a very special place for you. Rest in peace my friend, rest in peace, my brother!!@

Nuccio Giambanco - October 31, 2020 at 03:39 PM

SC

So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you, Bill +Shirley Carlton

Shirley Carlton - November 01, 2020 at 10:42 AM

KF

“ He was always so kind and always made it a point to stop by my table to say Hi! He will be greatly missed! Remember all your great memories and rely on God to help you through this difficult time. I am very sorry for your loss and your family are in my prayers!

Karen Fischer - October 31, 2020 at 02:48 PM

DN

“ Prayers to all 🙏🙏



Debbie Nicholson - October 31, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MD

*He was always so friendly, generous, and kind to us. Our family sends prayers to your family.*

Mark and Phyllis Dorsey - October 31, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JA

*so sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with the family and may good memories help you all in the days ahead....he will be remembered by many*

JanieWampler - October 31, 2020 at 04:43 PM

AC

*so sorry for the families loss he was a great person and will be sadly missed. we will always remember good times at the restraunt . u r flying high now rest in peace. we love u Ava and Early coleman*

Ava Coleman - November 01, 2020 at 06:28 PM