



THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR PLATE

with

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In the 6th grade after school, like many of her siblings, Liz headed down to Roseanna's to wash dishes and occasionally sweep the floor. Her dad put milk crates in front of the three-stall sink so the smaller ones could reach. A position she didn't graduate from until the new restaurant opened.

"I didn't start waiting tables until I was in high school, and I played basketball so I would go to work right after practice," Liz said. "If you weren't at school or church, you were at the restaurant."

While her brothers and sister who still work at Roseanna's tend to stay behind the scenes, it is Liz who customers see on a day to day basis. It's these customers who are Liz's favorite part of her job. She loves seeing the ones who came in when her parents were still alive, and when they talk about how good her parents were to them and made them feel like family.

"One thing that makes my heart happy is when my old classmates from Krebs School come in and still talk about how we would walk to the restaurant for lunch and Daddy would only charge them a quarter to eat that day," she said with a laugh. "A quarter!"

Also, watching peoples' kids and grandkids grow up make her job special.

"Some of my best relationships I have now I met through this restaurant," said Liz "My catering has been fun because it has allowed me to go meet people who didn't even know about Roseanna's. You hear people say 'I'm going to bring my family down.'"

Some of those relationships even grow into additions to the family.

"My favorite memory would be meeting Jim Gurley," she said. "He became a part of our family and we became a part of his. I miss him."

Although her main duty is to be out front, she still dabbles in the back when she wants to make cannoli.

"The cannoli started out with Clare, Momma and me when Momma bought a cannoli shell maker," she explained. "She would make the dough and fry them up. When it became too hard to keep up, Benny Snell found a way to order in the shells. We had a heavy ricotta cheese filling, but

the people around here didn't seem to like it much so we made it sweeter; we had to tweak the recipe a little. It was a joint effort."

To get this tasty treat, customers have to be on watch since Liz makes a batch when you least expect it, and they don't last long!

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her best know the Gnocchi are Liz's favorite food at Roseanna's.

"My first memory of gnocchi was when grandma Pasqualina would make them for every holiday at Momma and Daddy's," Liz said. "Gnocchi would always be something to look forward to. After grandma Pasqualina died, Nana made them. It was such a treat. I love watching them make the gnocchi."

While talking about the past and Frank and Rose Ann's legacy, Liz couldn't help but get tear-filled eyes. She explained they are her heroes because of the way they lived their life, raised their kids, and treated other people.

"I remember when people would come to the back door and would tell Momma and Daddy they didn't have any money and they would feed them," she said "Complete strangers. They would take care of anyone. They were like heroes to me."

It means everything to Liz to carry on her parents' legacy

through Roseanna's as she works hard to make them proud with everything she does.

"I know I can never fill their shoes, but I strive to do it every day," she said smiling. "I just wonder what Daddy would think about how far we have come. And that makes me excited to see where our future leads."

