



## Gavino Carlo Felice Bandino

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Gavino Carlo Felice Bandino passed away peacefully at his home in Ponchatoula, LA on Saturday, June 16, 2018 following a long illness. He was the cherished husband of Patricia Thomas Bandino. Son of the late Carlo Bandino and Domenica Falchi Bandino. Brother of Giuseppina Bandino Melis, Grazia Bandino Manca, and the late Giovanni Bandino. Brother-in-law of Martin A. Thomas (Amy), Stuart P. Thomas, and Ernest C. Thomas. He is also survived and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Gavino was a native of Tempio di Pausania, Sardegna, Italy, and a longtime resident of Firenze, Italy, where he was renowned as a chef and was considered by many to be the finest pizzaiolo in all of Tuscany. He emigrated to New Orleans in 1994, where he enjoyed a long career as chef at Rigatoni Restaurant. He was well loved and affectionately known for his playful nature and generous heart. He will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted husband, brother, brother in law, godfather, uncle, cousin, and friend to many whose lives were enriched by his presence.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation to be held at L.A.

Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd. Kenner, LA on Sunday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by a memorial service and celebration of Gavino's life beginning at 11:30 a.m. He will be laid to rest with

his parents in his beloved Sardegna at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Gavino to AKC Take the Lead program at [www.takethelead.org](http://www.takethelead.org) or to Holy Rosary School, 2437 Jena St., New Orleans, LA 70115 would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Blvd  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 466-8577  
info@muhleisen.com

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gavino Carlo Felice Bandino*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened. Gavino was my mentor and chef when I was just starting out in the kitchen. Thankfully, his training has helped me become the chef I am today.*

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**Ken Palmer** - February 14, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ *Gavino was always very warm and pleasant to be near. I enjoyed his company and only wish I had spent more time with he and Patti over the years and had learned to converse with him in Italian. He was very loving and kind and made my kids and I wonderful meals. He brought so much of Italy with him to share with all of us here in the US. We were all very lucky to know such a loving man. I know Patti will miss him dearly. I hope that all of her pets will warm her heart when she misses him most.*

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**Laura McElroy** - October 28, 2018 at 10:59 PM

DA

“ Mio caro Gavino ... il mio cuore è così triste da perderti. 25 anni fa, ho incontrato un uomo straordinario, uno chef di talento e un fornitore amorevole. Grazie a te, ho assaporato e mangiato cibo adatto solo agli dei e dei divini. Grazie a te, ho imparato a cucinare gli gnocchi che ballavano nell'acqua, e la mia bocca sobbalzò con saltimbocca, e la mia rabbia divampò con salsa arrabiata! Per 25 anni, hai camminato con la Pats sul sentiero della vita. Hai trasformato tutte le tue case in un luogo colorato, vivace e accogliente per tutti.

*E, deh, come hai amato i tuoi cari piccoli animali! Erano tuoi figli e tu eri il più affettuoso dei padri! Noè e la sua arca non avrebbero mai amato di più!*

*Quanto ci siamo divertiti e tante avventure!*

*Eri così testardo! Eri così appassionato! Eri così amato! Volà con gli angeli, amore mio, e ci vedremo presto.*

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David - October 22, 2018 at 08:05 AM

TS

“ Our dear Gavino-Oh how we miss you. We are so proud to have been a part of your lifetime. Just wished we had met a lot earlier in life. Oh the memories of the wonderful meals you made for us (better than any 5 star restaurant) that was absolutely the best ever. From the place settings to all the different wines and courses. Never knew it took 5 hours to have a meal-LOL All the funny jokes and stories you would tell us . Even though there was a language barrier we always managed to know what you were saying. And with the help of Patty she would fill in what we didn't understand. And did not realize what a great singing voice you had. We think of you often and you know we are here to take care of Patty. We are so glad we were there for her the night you left us. And I would always be nervous when I cooked and would send you something. Even though you said it was very good. I was still nervous. You have left a hole in our heart with you leaving but I wouldn't take anything for the memories and friendship. RIP our dear friend.

Love,  
Buba and Bubu  
Glenn and Toni Jo Simon

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Toni Simon - October 06, 2018 at 03:41 PM

MM

“ One of my favorite memories of Gavino was when I was a young boy. He taught me how to make an Italian dessert known as Panna Cotta, but I can remember turning my nose up at first to it because the sheets of gelatin that he utilized looked like fish scales. Many years later I still make the dessert for friends and family and tell the story of when I learned how to make the dessert I put fish scales into the boiled cream. Thank you, Gavino, it has put many smiles on hundreds of faces. I will never forget that memory and will think of you as I have all these years when I am making Panna Cotta.



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**Michael Mastascuso** - October 04, 2018 at 04:01 PM

AM

“ A great memory is of me being a kid running in the kitchen at rigatoni restaraunt watching Gavino cook, smelling the food impatiently as more time goes by.  
Him letting me taste the food as its being cooked.  
Picking seasoning out his garden at his home  
Smoke some Marlboro reds drink a red stripe and await a delicious multiple course meal then watch some soccer all the while trying to communicate back n forth with 2 people who barely understand each others language.  
Great memories, I'll always remember you and love the the time we spent together.

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**Anthony Mastascuso** - October 04, 2018 at 01:09 PM

PB

“ *Memories from family and friends in Italy: Ricordi da famiglia ed amici in Italia:*

*"Cuginone adorato, eri un mondo di allegria"*

*- Torina Falchi*

*"Ciao Gavino, a Firenze ti ricordiamo per la tua professionalità sul lavoro eri originale e coinvolgente, con un grande amore per le persone e cose."*

*- Massimo Gazzeri*

*"Quando siamo arrivati a Rigatoni...e lavorato insieme per mesi...quante risate..non scorderò mai la sua bontà."*

*- Livia Gargelli*

*"Ciao Gavino, proteggici da lassù. 3/5 lo sai."*

*- Paolo Barone*

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**Patricia Bandino** - October 04, 2018 at 11:01 AM



Patricia Bandino

*Ciao Gavino abbiamo passato diverso tempo insieme a lavoro sei stato un grande maestro di vita con la tua semplicità e allegria... ti ricorderò sempre con un sorriso per l'allegria che riuscivi ha trasmettere ❤️*

*-Massimo Martelli*

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**Patricia Bandino** - October 04, 2018 at 06:23 PM

PB

*"Si potrebbe dire tante parole per ricordare la nostra amicizia ma quelle che mi vengono ora in mente sono che mi mancherai tanto amico mio. Ciao Gavino."*

*-Enzo Belladonna*

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**Patricia Bandino** - October 05, 2018 at 09:28 AM

PB

*"Caro Gavino, ti ho conosciuto solo dai racconti di Massimo. Ho solo il ricordo della tua voce attraverso un paio di telefonate. Molto poco indubbiamente, ma sufficiente a lasciarmi l'impressione di un uomo dal cuore buono. Di un uomo gentile e vero"*

*- Cri Grassi*

*"Ciao cugino, sempre pronto a farci ridere dove c'eri tu c'era allegria, ti ricordero con tanto affetto, e proteggici da lassu."*

*-Nania Falchi*

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**Patricia Bandino** - October 05, 2018 at 01:56 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Gavino Carlo Felice Bandino*



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**Mary** - October 03, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MA

*Patty, I am sorry for your loss. Gavino was such a wonderful man and my family loved him. We will miss him.*

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**Mary** - October 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM

  
Patricia Bandino

*Nicole, I remember you, Thomas, and J.P. standing around the table watching him make pizza! Wonderful memories! He loved y'all so much!*

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**Patricia Bandino** - October 03, 2018 at 06:03 PM

NT

*I am so sorry for your loss, Miss Patty! I remember when you and Mr. Gavino came to our house to watch us and Mr. Gavino made the BEST spaghetti ever. He was cooking such wonderful dishes all weekend. Love and prayers to you <3*

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**Nicole Tiefel** - October 03, 2018 at 06:31 PM

JM

*My memory of Gavino will always be...He always called me Giovanna instead of Joan because he said that was an Italian name. Of course, the food he always cooked for my family was delicious! We will miss him!*

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**Joan MASTASCUSO** - October 03, 2018 at 07:45 PM

AL

*Ho lavorato con Gavino a Firenze nel 1990 era un uomo simpatico e gentile, sono molto dispiaciuta, un abbraccio alla moglie e a tutti i suoi cari. Ciao anima bella, che la terra ti sia leggera.*

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**Alessandra** - October 04, 2018 at 07:25 AM

LM

*I will miss speaking Italian to him and of course his food was always delicious! Vicente Mastascuso*

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**LEONARD MASTASCUSO** - October 04, 2018 at 11:37 AM

TT

*Dear Patty, Rick and I are so sorry to hear that your dear Gavino passed away. We have that memory of him having prepared for our family the most wonderful pizza at that restaurant in Pontchatoula. We pray for the repose of his soul, and that God will give you His consolation at this time. - Rick and Tricia Tiziani and family*

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**Tricia Tiziani** - October 08, 2018 at 02:04 PM