

Giulio Rinaldi Biography

Giulio Rinaldi was born on February 7, 1933 in the picturesque hilltop town of Ripi, Italy, 60 miles south of Rome.

He served as a tank operator in the Italian Military from 1953 – 1955.

He came to the United States in February 1956 where he settled in the Bronx and was welcomed by many fellow “Ripani”. He entered the construction industry, working primarily in Manhattan, where he became a well-respected foreman working until his retirement in 1994. Always looking to provide the best for his family, in his younger days, he worked additional jobs on Saturdays and Sundays as a waiter.

In February of 1959 he married Antoinette Fontarello. They had three children; Louis, Donna and Julie. They remained in the Bronx until 1973 when they moved to Valhalla. In 2004 they moved to Yorktown Heights. Giulio has been blessed with 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 27 and always looks forward to time spent with each of them.

Giulio has lived a full and rewarding life in the United States but part of his heart has remained back in Ripi. He made numerous trips back to Italy throughout the years visiting his parents, brother and sisters. He was the youngest of four, and despite the opportunity to run the family business, it was his restless spirit that led him to cross an ocean and see what opportunities awaited.

He joined the Italian American Club of Mahopac in 2004 where he enjoys playing bocce, playing cards and cooking (or, mostly, eating!). It also provides him an opportunity to share his experiences and heritage with fellow Italian Americans.