

Nonno Story

Growing up within the Femino family has taught me many lessons that will continue to guide me throughout my life. Pride, hard work, and courage are only a few things that the Femino family has taught me. Of all the lessons that I have learned from the Femino family, one piece of advice in particular always reminds me of how lucky I am to belong to such an amazing and one of a kind family.

When I was young Nonno taught me a very important lesson about school. I remember being in Rowley at a cookout on Pleasant Street. I was dreading telling my parents that I thought that I did very poorly on a test in school that day. Being young I was afraid of what my parents would think. Seeing that I was upset about something, Nonno approached me and asked what was bothering me. I proceeded to tell him my situation and he gave me advice that I still remember to this day. Nonno told me to always tell my parents that I thought that I did really poor on my exams. This way, if I actually did do poorly on the exam they would not be surprised when I did not do well. If I ended up doing well, they would be twice as proud of me. Having heard this advice from my grandfather left me astonished at the time. Not knowing what to do at the time I remember myself starting to crack a smile and at the same time Nonno began to laugh. He knew that I was not expecting my grandfather to tell me to lie to my parents about school.

To this day I remember this time of my life as when Nonno became more than a grandfather, he became a friend. He always made time to fly in from Las Vegas to catch one of our sporting events or graduations. Most children growing up have a grandfather, but not many of us can say that they were a true friend.