

Hero Project

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I think that anyone can be a hero, as long as they are confident and work hard for a good cause. It takes courage and strength and sometimes loss to get to the level of some heroes. People like Martin Luther King Jr. have gone through all of these, it took courage and strength to stand up for his rights. He even sacrificed his own safety for a great cause. He encouraged and empowered people to stand up for *their* rights. He is much more than most of us, he has changed humanity for the better. This is why I choose Gary Giacomini, my grandpa.

Gary Giacomini was my grandpa until last December 2016 where he had a heart attack and died. He was a good person, and a fantastic grandpa. He is missed by many but his work will live on forever. I always hear a lot of people complimenting and embracing the valley. From the landscaping to the vegetation and the peacefulness and trust, most everyone loves it. And it's all because of my grandpa.

Because of him, we don't have highways and supermarkets right around the block. No malls, no 7-11s, no skyscrapers. He protested over and over and over, he would never stop. He was a republican, the protector and savior of the valley. Without him the valley would be as disgusting as Detroit, and all the mountains and farms would be gone. Gary Giacomini the savior of the valley, a mountain of a man, my grandpa.

INTERVIEW

Recently I interviewed author named Brad Breithaupt, I asked a few questions about my Gary's past. First I asked him why does he think that **Gary changed political parties**. His response was that Gary joined a lot of Marin voters who changed parties because they disagreed with Reagan on environmental issues and women's rights.

I then asked him why he thought **Gary ran for office**, "Gary enjoyed being in a leadership position. He enjoyed the limelight of public office and the power to get things done."

The third question was, **What are some of Gary's best accomplishments?** "He was able to promote and advance A-60 zoning, which preserves West Marin's ranches and Marin agricultural economy." "Gary also helped push the formation of MALT to help save that farmland in perpetuity." "Gary also was instrumental in saving the Buck Trust so it benefited needs in Marin."

What did Gary do after office? He said that "Gary had given up his law practice to serve as a supervisor. His "retirement" returned to law and represented different clients."

Lastly I asked him if he thought that **Politics in Marin Changed**, "Yes. Gary and another longtime supervisor, Bob Roumiguere, set the bar for political power and leadership. It's harder to get things done these days because special interests have a lot more power; power that supervisors and council members are reluctant to challenge."