

Mediterranean Women:

Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters...

*"Is life harder for women
or for men?
(Luciana Ricciutelli,
interviewer)*

**"Women are more good. If the
husband passes away, the
woman will be more prepared
than the man. If the wife
passes away, the man
would be lost."
(Katerina Galiotis,
grandmother)**



*Katerina Galiotis (grandmother), 76 years old, immigrated from
Tripoli, Peloponnisso, Greece in 1969; Kalli Papadimitriou (mother),
48, immigrated from Edessa in 1966; Mary Papadimitriou
(daughter), 19, born in Toronto. Photo: Cath Devlin*

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"I remember when I was in public school I didn't want to admit I was Italian. Then as I grew older I started to like the type of people we were. Now, being a Canadian born of Italian parents, I say I'm Italian... when I was younger, I would say I was Canadian." (Sonia Decimelli, daughter)



Maddalena Elena Benacchio Del Maso (grandmother), 74 years old, and Renza Del Maso Decimelli (mother), 50, both immigrated to Toronto from Bolzano, Italy in 1955; Sonia Decimelli Ricciutelli (daughter), 25, born in Toronto. Photo: John Fornasier

**"I love my country but this [Canada] is also my country. This is where I came to start my life and it gave me everything I have today. I'm very protective of both."
(Mara Miranda, daughter)**



*Maria Lidaina (grandmother), 99 years old, Olga Regalo (mother), 71, and Mara Miranda (daughter), 45; immigrated to Toronto from Angra do Heroisma (Azores, Portugal) in 1961.
Photo: Charisse de Freitas*

**"Me and my father opened a fruit and grocery store on Danforth and Main. We speak Italian to him but we speak English in the store. We had to speak English because the customers were all English. I was stupid. I was not really smart. We should've talked Italian. Too late now. She [my daughter] went to Italian school but didn't learn."
(Giorgina Simone, grandmother)**



*Jenny Calderone (mother), 57 years old, and Angela Calderone (daughter), 30, born in Toronto; Giorgina Simone (grandmother), 87, immigrated from Ragusa, Sicily in 1916.
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