

The Story About Qachbal's Chocolatier

I could tell you all about the type of chocolate we use, but you will see it as you take a look at the products we offer. So, now let's start from the beginning. Call it destiny or fate.

Many, many years ago a daughter was born to Henry and Alice Case; they named their precious little gift "Candis" or Candy for short. My father wasn't totally convinced or did he agreed with my mother's choice of names, but once he saw his beautiful angel he agreed she would be called "Candy". My Grandmother who owned a small grocery store at the time would always tell her customers that her little Candy Case was always in her store candy case. So it starts!

I learned at an early age that you did not have to spend a lot of money on gifts for family and friends, but when you created something from the kitchen with lots of love (main ingr.) it was more fun and was enjoyed by all. My fondest memories were of the holidays; our kitchen was filled with the sweet smell of homemade fudge, cakes, pies, cookies and candies. We all shared in the festivities and the best part was the tasting if each batch was completed. When family and friends would stop by our place, a gift of something sweet and special awaited them.

When I began my own family, these same traditions continued. I remember one Easter not having much money to spend on chocolates for my daughters Easter baskets. I took what money I had saved and bought some chocolate coating, a couple of molds and a few supplies, which started me on my journey with chocolate and the many creamy confections that would fill their Easter baskets. It was so much fun to see their eyes light up while biting the ears off large chocolate bunnies, and best of all I loved creating them. As the holidays came and went, more and more chocolate goodies would be requested by family and friends. At times during life's changes, my love for creating would be placed on the back burner while I completed my degree, raised my family and so on. My dream to have my own chocolate shop was always on my mind. Then one day with the love and support from my wonderful husband and three daughters (now 27, 28 and 29) Qachbal's was born and our first store opened its door on December 2005.

When you walk through the doors at Qachbal's you will find something for everyone; Treats for the young to the young at heart and the sophisticated taste. The sights and smells of your childhood memories are all around you. You will hear laughter, smell the aromas of homemade chocolate fudge cooking on the stove, observes pretzels being dipped in chocolate, and see caramel apples being coated with chocolate and lots of yummy things. You can order up a great cup of coffee and watch as a cupcake is being iced with our light and creamy butter cream icing. You can talk about the days current events at Qachbal's because we always have time to make you feel at home.

So if you are ever visiting the Tampa, Florida area, be sure you stop by and say hi. Don't forget to pick up some of grandma's homemade fudge or any one of the great chocolate confection that adorn the many chocolate display cases. There you have it "Destiny or Fate", Candy has her own candy store.

Words to live by: Do what you love, love what you do and your dreams will come true.

In Loving Memory of,
Grandma, Lydia Gavett Bradshaw (April 26, 1916- April 18, 2006)
Mom, Alice Louise Gavett Case (March 1, 1936- December 11, 2000)