



### Welcome to the fourth week of September!

I promise you; it is absolutely delicious! As I have shared with all of you, my husband Tim loves to garden, and we were not short on tomatoes this year. We have been enjoying delicious sauce! And my favorite sauce recipe, as you might guess, comes with a story.

Mr. Carusso was my beloved Aunt Katie's grumpy neighbor. There was no other way to describe him. In fact, he took pride in being a curmudgeon. However, once a year at Christmas time, he would bring over a pot of his sauce to my aunt and say, "You probably are going to have your loud family coming for Christmas. Here's something you can feed them and might keep those kids quiet for a while." Aunt Katie would thank him, and she made sure we all had some of his sauce over her homemade noodles. It was, without doubt, a favorite for all of us! Of course, she made the children write him a thank you note, and hand deliver it. We drew straws to see who would deliver the note and made up all kinds of scenarios regarding what he might say to the "unlucky" deliverer.

Last year my cousin got a hold of that recipe through a Facebook connection with one of his relatives. I could not get over how simple it was to make. I now share it with you and hope you find it as tasty as we do!

### INGREDIENTS and INSTRUCTIONS

- 4 cups tomatoes, in addition to their juices (home canned or Cento brand is my favorite)
- 10 tablespoons butter
- 2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 large Vidalia onion, peeled and cut in half
- Salt to taste
- *Combine the tomatoes, their juices, nutmeg, butter, and the onion halves in a saucepan. Add a pinch or two of salt.*
- *Place over medium heat and bring to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, for about 2 hours. Stir occasionally, mashing any large pieces of tomato with a spoon. Add salt as needed.*
- *Discard the onion before tossing the sauce with pasta. This recipe makes enough sauce for at least one pound of pasta (more like 2 depending on your use of sauce).*

ENJOY!

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