



Brian Canipelli

November 15, 1978 - February 6, 2025

Brian Canipelli, 46, of Asheville, NC passed away on February 6, 2025. He was the chef and owner of Cucina 24, one of the region's most treasured and revered restaurants. Brian was a remarkably loved and significant member of the Asheville community, largely through his impressive talent for cooking. His incredible culinary gift went far beyond a stunning plate of food; the palpable love he devoted to his craft was a dedication to making people feel happy, connected, and deeply nurtured.

His desire to care for others extended far beyond the restaurant and was felt among everyone with whom he crossed paths. Brian had a deep curiosity and desire to learn about the cultures behind his food. This became the guiding principle he lived by and the force that brought his circle of friends, family, and restaurant guests together.

Brian was a devoted father and cared deeply about the well-being and happiness of his three amazing children. Originally from Atlanta, Brian attended culinary school at Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC before moving to Asheville in 2003. In the time he didn't spend hosting, cooking, or thinking through inventive new ways to bring ingredients together, Brian loved to travel. His frequent trips to Italy with his partner, Kat, became a ritual they both cherished, shaping his perspective on not just food, but life itself.

Brian is survived by his children Skyler, 18, Mia, 16, and Luca, 12, as well as their mother, Kindra; his partner in life, Kat Kearney; his mother, Pat; and his brothers, Brad and Brandon. He is predeceased by his father, Ed. A public service will be held on Sunday, February 23rd from 2-5p at New Belgium Brewing Company in Asheville.

Previous Events

Public Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

New Belgium Brewing Company
21 Craven St.
Asheville, NC 28806