



## Anthony "Tony" Peter Mayo

November 21, 1968 - November 17, 2025

Anthony "Tony" Peter Mayo, age 56, passed away unexpectedly on November 17, 2025. Born on November 21, 1968 in Troy, New York, Tony grew up in the Syracuse area. Tony found his passion for cooking in his 20s after being influenced by his stepfather, Raymond Ryan. Tony spent time in Italy, New Caledonia, and around the US during his 30+ year career as a chef, specializing in Asian fusion, French fine dining, and tapas. He worked at many restaurants in the New England area and down the east coast, most notably the Arad Evans Inn in Fayetteville, New York and J's Oyster Bar in Portland, Maine before settling in Michigan, where he called home for the last 20 years.

Tony moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan and opened the Quarter Bistro & Tavern in 2005, where he met his wife Kaisa Hartman, whom he married in 2012. Kaisa's family became his, and Tony continued to open restaurants in the Southeast Michigan area over the next few years.

One of Tony's proudest moments in his career was being hired as the Sous Chef for the world famous Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan for the 2013 season. He and Kaisa moved back to Saline after the season ended and started a small catering business.

Tony also worked for the Guild at the Ann Arbor Art Fair for many years before and after Mackinac Island. He volunteered for many community events after

moving to Saline and met many more people in the process.

Tony lived many lives in his short one. Prior to his career as a chef, Tony worked on fishing boats in Maine, followed the Grateful Dead around selling tie dyed t-shirts at their concerts, was a certified scuba diver, traveled the country and much, much more. He enjoyed motorcycles and raced with his brothers growing up in upstate New York and also enjoyed playing the drums.

Tony had a great knowledge of many things. He could fix cars, change the oil in a car, fix a lawnmower, install a backsplash, paint a room, install a bathroom vanity, hang a light fixture, build a cabinet, hem pants and still cook a gourmet meal at the end of the day. Tony never needed a recipe book; he could look in the fridge and make an amazing meal just with what he had.

Along the way, Tony met so many different people with his infectious and charming personality. He has left an indelible mark on each and every one of us for so many reasons.

He is predeceased by parents Corey Mayo, Sr., Susan Ryan and Raymond Ryan.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline.

Sharing of Memories and Stories will take place at 4:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Tony's name are encouraged to: Sanctuary Farms, 3171 Lakeview Street, Detroit, MI 48215. [www.sanctuaryfarming.com](http://www.sanctuaryfarming.com).

To leave a memory you have of Tony, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

The Service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting <https://youtu.be/XJevQbIFXw4>

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## Beloved Brother • Brilliant Chef • Cherished Soul

Anthony “Tony” Mayo, a gifted chef and deeply loved brother, passed away unexpectedly sometime in the late hours of Sunday, November 16th. He would have been 57 yrs old on November 21st. He was a man whose presence left an impression on everyone he met — warm, witty, generous, and instantly unforgettable. Tony had a rare ability to make people feel comfortable and seen, and he carried a natural charm that made strangers gravitate toward him.

Tony began his culinary journey in Central New York, working in both Syracuse, Fayetteville, and Manlius including at the Calvary Club, and the Craftsman Wood Grille & Tap House on Genesee Street. Even early in his career, his instinct for flavor and his creative approach to food were unmistakable. His skill and passion eventually brought him to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he became a respected figure in the local restaurant community. After making his mark at The Quarter Bistro, he was recruited in 2010 to help shape the globally inspired Passport Restaurant & Lounge. Local publications praised him as a culinary force behind its inventive menu, highlighting his ability to blend diverse influences — Cajun, tapas, French, Asian, and more — into dishes that reflected both imagination and heart.

Outside the kitchen, Tony found joy and meaning in many things. He loved gardening, nurturing plants with patience and affection. He found comfort and expression in playing the drums, letting rhythm and sound guide him. He followed the music he loved with enthusiasm, embracing new experiences and connections along the way. Tony also felt at home in the vibrant atmosphere of the Ann Arbor art fair community, where he appreciated the

creativity, energy, and sense of belonging that surrounded it. His openness to life, his curiosity, and his willingness to follow what moved him were central to who he was.

Tony's life was full of color, warmth, humor, and connection. Though he faced difficult moments, those who knew him remember the whole man — his kindness, his bright mind, his generosity, and the unmistakable spark he brought into every room. He lived with heart, and the people around him felt it.

He leaves behind a family who loved him deeply and will carry his memory always: a brother whose light was unmistakable, whose presence made moments richer, and whose spirit will continue to live on in the stories, meals, gardens, and music that remind us of him.

May he rest in peace, surrounded by the same warmth and love he shared so freely with others.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions in Tony's name encouraged to: Sanctuary Farms, 3171 Lakeview Street, Detroit, MI 48215. [www.sanctuaryfarming.com](http://www.sanctuaryfarming.com)

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# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Time of Sharing Memories

APR 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



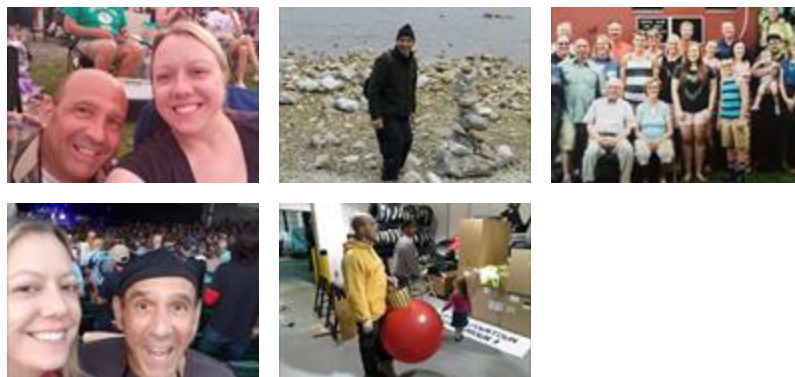
“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 15 at 04:31 PM

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“ 40 files added to the album *Tony*



Kaisa Hartman - December 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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*Beautiful words.*

KATHRIN ANN KIND - December 20, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *The Pringles song* 🌟🌟

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**Kathy Kind** - November 24, 2025 at 05:34 PM