

# CAREY BRINGLE



2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

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Carey Bringle is a Nashville pitmaster, restaurateur, entrepreneur, author, cancer survivor, and founder of Peg Leg Porker, one of Tennessee's most recognizable barbecue brands. Born and raised in Nashville, Carey's life has been defined by grit, smoke, family, and an unshakable love for the traditions of Southern barbecue.

After surviving osteosarcoma as a young man and losing his leg to cancer, Carey turned hardship into fuel. Rather than let that experience define his limitations, he built a life around perseverance, hospitality, and craft. His nickname became part of his identity, and eventually the foundation of Peg Leg Porker, a brand that reflects both his personal story and his commitment to authentic Tennessee barbecue.

For more than three decades, Carey has competed, cooked, taught, and promoted barbecue across the country. His Nashville restaurant, Peg Leg Porker, has become a destination for locals, tourists, celebrities, and serious barbecue lovers alike. Known for dry ribs, pulled pork, Southern sides, and a no-shortcuts approach to the pit, Carey has helped preserve and elevate West Tennessee-style barbecue while bringing national attention to Nashville's place in the barbecue world.

Beyond the restaurant, Carey has expanded Peg Leg Porker into sauces, seasonings, apparel, events, education, and award-winning Tennessee bourbon. He is also the author of *BBQ for Dummies*, further cementing his role as a teacher and ambassador for the craft.

Carey Bringle's legacy is one of resilience, authenticity, and contribution. He has built more than a restaurant, he has built a barbecue institution rooted in Tennessee tradition, personal courage, and the belief that great barbecue brings people together.