

Sharko's BBQ

For Brian Sharko, it's all in the name and the family. Brian has taken the family legacy begun by his father Jerry and put his own stamp on it, transitioning the style of food service from strictly catering and the result: success. After the South Naperville location opened five years ago, a new one was added on Freedom Drive and just celebrated its first anniversary. Brian Sharko is proud that his dad saw the family legacy thrive before his passing last year at age 92.

"My dad put his blood, sweat and tears into this business," said Sharko. "I'm proud that he saw the Sharko name continue."

Brian Sharko works the family business with the same ideals that made his dad's business a success: a dedication to quality, no short cuts ever on food, innovation, and listening to his customers.

"Owning a family business is special," says Sharko. "We live and work in such a great city and have wonderful employees who have been with us since the beginning. We thrive because of the commitment of everyone who works here."

Brian also attributes his success to wife Laura who keeps things running smoothly at home with their five children and describes her as his "rock."

Three interesting facts about Brian Sharko:

- 1) Brian's favorite menu item is chicken;
- 2) The food request he most receives at home is his mother's coffee cake (which he makes for Sharko's Easter Brunch);
- 3) The Thanksgiving season is Sharko's busiest time of year – they offer a full Thanksgiving meal and spend Black Friday delivering catered meals to retailers working long hours.

For more information about Sharko's BBQ, visit www.sharkosbbq.com/.