

GRAZERS TO CLOSE AFTER 10 1/2 YEARS, LEGACY CONTINUES



A DECISION MADE WITH GRATITUDE

After more than a decade in Downtown Kent, GRAZERS Restaurant will close its storefront at 123 N. Water Street. Owner and co-founder Stacey Lasher says this is a conscious decision she is making with intention and gratitude. “This is not another sad story about a local restaurant going out of business.”

Stacey is choosing to close the GRAZERS storefront on the two-year anniversary of co-founder Carl Bauer’s passing. She describes him as the mastermind behind the food and the heart of the restaurant. “Closing is a choice I am making because running the restaurant after Carl’s passing has been too difficult, both emotionally and physically.”

For the last 10 1/2 years, GRAZERS has been supported by an incredible community. Stacey says, “I am deeply grateful for your trust in us and for the loyalty you’ve shown over the years. You made this more than just a restaurant. Because of you, we were able to live our mission and make a difference.”

HOW THE GRAZERS MISSION CONTINUES

Stacey says that while the storefront is closing, what GRAZERS stood for will continue. She sees this as a transition from a LOCATION to a LEGACY.

Carl and Stacey opened GRAZERS in 2015 with a clear mission: to make a difference through quality food and human connection. That mission does not end with the closing of the restaurant. It will continue in a new way.

She is now writing a book called *GRAZERS Legacy* to honor Carl and to share what GRAZERS meant to so many people. The book will include three parts: the story of how GRAZERS began and what it became, a collection of customer stories, and a cookbook featuring GRAZERS recipes.

“As a thank you gift to our customers, I’m sharing our recipes so people can recreate GRAZERS at home. Our recipes are moving out of our kitchen and into yours.”

DATES & HOW TO BE PART OF THE LEGACY

LAST DAY OPEN:

Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 11:00 – 5:00

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE:

Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 12:00 – 5:00

KEEP FOLLOWING:

@GrazersRestaurantLegacy on Facebook & Instagram for memories, recipes, and updates on the GRAZERS Legacy book.

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOK?

Share what GRAZERS meant to you by commenting or messaging on social media or emailing GrazersLegacy@gmail.com.