



## REMEMBERING

# Dean Richard Arthur Colston

October 24, 1965 - December 3, 2023



### **Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre**

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

### **Tribute from Anthony H. Jones**

Relation: Friend

I was greatly shocked to hear about Dean's passing. I had contacted him about him sitting in on drums for a few songs at a show I was playing on December 1/23. We had also talked about both of us attending a Darby Mills concert at the Roxxy on December 6/23. When I didn't hear from him that week, I assumed that it was because of the flue which he had come down with at the end of November.

Dean was a fantastic drummer. He seemed to be practising all the time when I met him. At the time I met him, we were working for a Landscaping company doing jobs in Richmond; Burnaby; and Metro Vancouver. In between job sites, Dean was always working on some sort of complicated rhythm which involved syncopating his hands and feet in an incredibly fast manner (slapping this knees, thighs, dashboard...and I believe he sometimes used the windows and side view mirror of the pickup truck for cymbals!). It was quite a sight to see.

Dean especially seemed to like the drumming of Neil Peart, and when a Rush song came on the radio while we were working together he was in his element. He could play some of his favorite Rush songs note for note on the drums (ask any professional drummer how difficult this would be on a scale of 1 to 10 and they will answer that it's a hard "10").

On occasion, I played music with Dean recreationally at his apartment in Surrey. Sometimes, as musicians will do, we disputed how a song was originally recorded 40 years ago. I would say "incorrect", and Dean would casually get up from his massive drum set and go to his massive vinyl collection of records. He would then play the original which he had, in fact, purchased the same year it was released. He was correct about how an original KISS song was written about 10 times out of 10. He was correct about how an original Rush song had been written about ten times out of 10 also. I stopped disputing with him about these bands (he was an original authority on both).

No matter if we were playing music, watching the hockey game, or watching the Super Bowl etc., Dean would always say: "...turn it down!" at about 6pm when his mom would call. He loved his family

and would especially look forward to speaking to his mom every day. He also often spoke to me about his dad and his sister both whom he loved.

Lastly, I think that Dean loved his cat more than his drum set. Sophie, his beloved cat, could bring a smile to anybody's face but Dean face was never more aglow then when he was greeting Sophie when he came in through his door when he returned from work. I saw this many times. Undoubtedly, I saw that Sophie the cat felt the same way about Dean. People and pets tell each other they love them all the time. Perhaps, people should tell each other more often that they are loved.

Dean...I loved you dude and I will miss you dearly. You left too soon. See you on the flip side of the original record. Rock and Roll!

Your friend,

Anthony

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**Tribute from Rob Julien**

Relation: cousin

Regardless of adult experience, the vestiges of childhood relationships remain a part of you forever. Dean's significance throughout my developmental years cannot be overstated.

Eternal peace my cousin and friend.

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**Tribute from mark gordon**

Relation: Very good friend and drummer in our band Ancient Ruins.

Dear Rick and all The Colston Family. I am so very sorry to hear of Dean's and Marlene's passing. Dean was the greatest drummer I've known and a good friend, he loved his parents, Grandama, and spoke of you all often. I believe he called almost every day. He will be sorrowly missed by all. - Mark Gordon.

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**Tribute from Tom and Dianne Carras**

Relation: Neighbour

Rick, our thoughts are with you during this time. Cherish the memories of Dean and Marlene, they are with you always! Love Tom and Dianne

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**Tribute from Dave Gerbrandt**

So sad to hear of Dean's ('Criss') passing. Deepest condolences to his Family and Friends. He and I crossed paths when he was 19. An amazing drummer.

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**Tribute from Anna Samutina**

Relation: Friend

To Rick and the family. We can't express how sorry we are for your loss. Please accept our deepest condolences. Dean will be remembered forever. He touched our lifes, and his rock'n'roll spirit will always stay with us. Dan and Anna.

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**Tribute from Dave Gerbrandt**

Relation: Friend

These condolence messages are beyond heart warming.

A group of us were challenged to an "Air Band" competition back in 1985. Through a mutual friend "Criss" (as we all knew Dean as) came out to a rehearsal and even though this was not something that would further his career as a drummer, Criss took it on as a professional (aged 19) and blew everyone one away by not "airing" drums but actually playing them.

In rehearsals he would do fill ins over the recorded drummers fill ins. Crazy man!

Silly as it may sound, he was the star of this Air Band tour.

In the photo of him live in action, he was using Bernie Aubin's (Headpins/Paradox) kit that night at the Fun Palace.

Like someone else mentioned, he would be using anything, everything as a part of his kit.

Neil Peart would have been proud.

Sadly we lost contact with him over the years but have always remembered Dean.

A part of "Kickback" that will always be treasured and remembered.

RIP CC

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**Tribute from John Sarkozy**

Relation: long time friend, former bandmates in Alter Boyz and Thief and room mates many years ago

So sorry to hear of Dean's passing, we re-connected recently after many years and I sure am glad I had the opportunity to catch up on things and talk about old times and new. I have many years of fond memories living together in Abbotsford, our band room setup in the basement and going on the road touring together. Good times with good friends. Thank you Dean for the fun times we had together, you will be missed.

I have attached a photo of one of our band's promo pics from around 1989

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**Tribute from Kimberly Mercer**

Relation: Childhood friend of Deans's sister Cindy

I was so sorry to hear of Dean and his mother, Marlene's passing...so sudden. I knew Dean (also known as Criss) from back in the 80's, childhood friend of his sister Cindy. We were so many times in the basement watching him and his bands playing. He was always doing cool tricks with his drum sticks. Dean was such an amazing and talented drummer and knew his music well....even though I drove him nuts asking him to play Phil Collins "In the Air Tonight" ha ha...he was very patient and kind to us. I am sorry he is gone but i am glad he is with his loving mother. The Colston family has definitely left me with many wonderful memories! God bless you both Dean and Marlene! Rick and Cindy..you are both in my thoughts and prayers

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**Tribute from Anthony H. Jones**

Relation: Friend

RIP my friend.

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