



Gerald Spear Connell III

April 4, 1957 - October 20, 2020

Gerald Spear Connell III, a beloved dad, brother, son, accomplished musician, and best friend, passed away surrounded by family on October 20, 2020 in his hometown of San Antonio, Tx.

Gerald was born in 1957 San Antonio, Tx to the late Gerald Spear Connell Jr and Joan Barbara Connell. He married Deborah Lynn Lafitte at the age of 28 and had two sons, Gerald Spear Connell IV and Johnny Ray Connell.

Although divorced, Deborah and Gerald continued to be lifelong best friends up to his passing. He grew up playing drums but soon discovered that his true musical love was playing bass like his father. As an accomplished musician, Gerald played with several bands across the State of Texas. He was well known for playing in the Magic River Band, Linda and the Roadrunners, Bobby Flores and the yellow Rose Band and Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition. Most notably, Gerald was known for being a friend to everyone he met and always helping his friends during their time of need. As his son Johnny said, "if he only had 5 dollars to his name and someone needed 5 dollars, he'd give it to them without expecting anything in return"

Gerald is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Gerald Spear Connell IV and Melissa Connell; their children, Baylee and Deackon Connell; (his favorite) son, Johnny Ray Connell; and sister, Gretchen Connell Allen.

Gerald is preceded in death by his parents, and special brothers Randy Reinhard, Bobby Scarborough, and Allen Chapman.

In lieu of a traditional funeral and memorial service, the family has chosen to

honor Gerald and celebrate his life the way he would have wanted, with music. There will be a concert held on Sunday, October 8th at Martinez Dance Hall from 2-5pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of His Life

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Martinez Social Club
7791 FM 1346
San Antonio, TX 78220