

# Pink Floyd's Rick Wright dies aged 65



## Keyboardist and singer passes away after suffering from cancer

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Pink Floyd's keyboardist and occasional singer and songwriter Rick Wright has died aged 65.

The musician, who formed the influential band with **Nick Mason**, **Roger Waters** and **Syd Barrett** in 1965, passed away today (September 15) after battling with cancer.

A spokesman said: "The family of **Richard Wright**, founder member of Pink Floyd, announce with great sadness that **Richard** died today after a short struggle with cancer.

"The family have asked that their privacy is respected at this difficult time."

As well as playing keyboards, **Wright** contributed a number of songs to the band in their early years, including '**Paintbox**', '**Remember A Day**' and '**Summer '68**', and also contributed prominent vocals to the band's 1971 23-minute classic '**Echoes**'.

He will most likely be remembered primarily for '**The Great Gig In The Sky**', his stately song on 1973's million-selling '**Dark Side Of The Moon**'.

Although his influence in the band declined, and he was eventually forced to leave as a full-time member during sessions for 1979's '**The Wall**', **Wright** returned as a session musician and rejoined the band when **Roger Waters** left, performing on hit albums including 1994's '**The Division Bell**'.

After the '70s line-up reunited for a one-off gig at 2005's **Live 8**, **Wright** has recently been seen regularly performing with Pink Floyd singer and guitarist **David Gilmour**.

The keyboardist also released a handful of solo albums and worked on albums by founding member **Syd Barrett**, who died in 2006.