Floyd legend Rick is dead

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PINK Floyd’s “quiet man” Rick Wright died yesterday aged 65 after a short battle with cancer. Although one of the supergroup’s founders, laid-back Rick kept out of the public eye and enjoyed his low profile. He played keyboards with the band for more than 40 years.

And he had a major role in hit albums Dark Side Of The Moon and Wish You Were Here. One of his songs from Dark Side was The Great Gig In The Sky, used recently in TV adverts for Neurofen.

Stage

The self-taught keyboard player and pianist met fellow band members Roger Waters and Nick Mason while studying architecture and teamed up with Syd Barrett. He appeared on stage at the Floyd’s reunion gig at Live 8 in 2005 — and in recent years had toured with guitarist David Gilmour, 62, contributing to his hit album On An Island.

Rick had been married to his third wife Millie since 1986. He broke a long silence to give a rare interview for a BBC documentary about the band last year.

Two years ago the group’s madcap genius Syd Barrett died from cancer; aged 69.