



## Dave Hernandez

August 11, 1951 - January 10, 2026

Dave Hernandez, a native Austinite, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026, at Dell Seton Hospital. Dave was born on August 11, 1951. He was the son of the late orchestra leader Nash Hernandez and Minnie Hernandez. Dave graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School and played drums in the school's marching band. Dave was a mix of ornery, a big heart and a great sense of humor. Following in the steps of his father, Dave became a musician. He was a great rock drummer and traveled throughout the US and Canada. He was a fan of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, and many other hard rock bands, his preferred style of music. During his youth, his rock bands competed in and won some battle of the band contests held in the Austin area. He often played congas in his father's orchestra and then played a big role in helping get the Nash Hernandez Orchestra back together after his father's death.

Although Dave stepped back from that role, he passed the torch on to his younger brother Ruben, who he'd encouraged to be a drummer, and who now leads the orchestra. Dave is survived by his brothers Nash, Jr., and Ruben, and his sister Dora Hernandez.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Nash and Minnie and his sister Elena Hernandez. Donations in memory of Dave's love of animals, especially dogs, can be made to the Austin Humane Society at: [https://secure2.convio.net/ahumso/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app20007a?df\\_id=4063&mfc\\_pref=T&4063.donation=form1&NONCE\\_TOKEN=3E4BF8E69AB3](https://secure2.convio.net/ahumso/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app20007a?df_id=4063&mfc_pref=T&4063.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=3E4BF8E69AB3)

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