



Dennis M. Kaz

November 27, 1962 - November 30, 2025

Dennis Michael “Kaz” Kaz | 1962–2025

Dennis Michael Kaz, affectionately known as “Kaz,” passed away on November 30, 2025, at the age of 63. A beloved son, father, brother, partner, musician, and friend, Dennis leaves behind a legacy filled with rhythm, creativity, and warmth that touched everyone who knew him.

Born with music in his soul, Kaz was a consummate drummer whose talent and passion were instantly recognizable. Whether performing on stage, recording in the studio, or jamming with friends, his steady beat and joyful energy brought people together and made every moment unforgettable. His musical brilliance was matched only by his generous heart, humor, and unmistakable authenticity.

Kaz was also the proud creator of Huffin and Puffin hot sauce—bold, flavorful, and unmistakably his. Much like Dennis himself, it left a lasting impression on everyone who experienced it.

Dennis is survived by his beloved children: Lance, Trinity, Harmony, Rachel Noel, Shane, Jaeden, and Kylabeth. He is also survived by his mother Sandra and her husband Kenneth Leidolph; his father Richard Kaz and his wife Barbara Monte; his older brother Richard Kaz Jr. and his spouse Sarah; his

partner Tina; and countless grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews who will forever cherish his memory.

A memorial service honoring Dennis's life will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Washington. All whose lives were touched by Kaz are invited to join in celebrating the life of a remarkable man who will be deeply missed and always remembered.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

1101 NE 112th Ave

Vancouver, WA 98684


(360) 892-6060

info@evergreenmemorialgardens.com

<https://www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com/>

Tribute Wall

DL

“ To all family and friends, my deepest condolences. Dennis will have a special place in all our hearts, along with so many memories that are forever treasured. He lived every day to its fullest, enjoyed life like no other. Love is forever ... I will remember you most for the beats of life you shared, and the energy shared to all our lives, always treating everyone with so much love. Miss you Denny ... 

Doreen Leidolph - December 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PK

“ Phyllis K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis M. Kaz.

Phyllis K. - December 09, 2025 at 10:11 AM

EF

“ Dennis was a Class of 1980 classmate at Tonawanda N.Y. High. We weren't close friends at that time, he was a musician, I was a jock... We got along well.
Years later, we ran into each other at John's house in the desert and would hang out, in the spring after my job was done in the Pacific. Dennis was kind enough to invite me to his home in Vancouver, I was fortunate enough to experience his generosity, gregariousness and hospitality there a few times- Huffin & Puffin!
The Dead & Company Rose Bowl
The Who Vegas
But his performances as drummer for the Clearwater Band as a 15-year-old are legend.
I was lucky to have known him and to call him a friend ...
Gonna miss you rock star

Eugene R. Foels - December 08, 2025 at 06:05 PM

FS

“ *Frank and Rachelle Saitta purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis M. Kaz.*



Frank and Rachelle Saitta - December 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM