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# Lee Green Brilleaux AAFA #0399S

October 5, 1952 – April 7, 1994

### **Charter Member**



Lee Brilleaux at Canvey Island, England Co-founder, musician and lead singer of English rhythm-and-blues band Dr. Feelgood



Lee Brilleaux, 41, British Blues Singer

Canvey Island, England

Lee Brilleaux, the singer for the British rhythm-and-blues band Dr. Feelgood, which he founded, died on Thursday at his home here. He was 41. The cause was cancer, his family said.

Dr. Feelgood, which brought the Mississippi sound to the Thames estuary in the 1970's and influenced a generation of

punk groups like the Clash and the Boomtown Rats, is likely to disband. "I don't think Dr. Feelgood will now continue without him," a spokesman for the band said. "It is the end of an era." The group, which hit Britain's top 10 hit singles chart with "Milk and Alcohol" in 1979, kept to a hectic touring schedule that every year included Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, Russia and the United States. Dr. Feelgood's 1976 album, "Stupidity", was the first live album to go straight to the top in its first week of release. Mr. Brilleaux, long associated with the bars, betting shops and oil terminals of the working-class Canvey Island area, on the Thames estuary, sang songs about cheating women, mean streets and macho men. His sweat-spattered, eye-bulging, finger-wagging performances gained Dr. Feelgood a cult following.

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Birth: 10 May 1952

Durban, eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal,

South Africa

Death: 7 Apr 1994 (aged 41)

Leigh-on-Sea, Southend-on-Sea Unitary Authority, Essex, England

Burial: Cremated, Ashes scattered, Specifically: information plaque on

Canvey Heights that says Lee Brilleaux's ashes were scattered from

near there onto Canvey Marshes. Lee was "going back home".

Memorial ID: 80335912

Photo added by: Jane on 1 Aug 2013

Gravesite Details: Real name is: Lee Collinson

### Family Members

- In-laws Eulon Alfred Alford, 1908-1993 Yvonne Dorothy Felder, 1927-2010
- Spouse Shirley Alford Brilleaux
- Children
  Kelly Brilleaux
  Nicholas Brilleaux

Information copied from the <u>Find-A-Grave</u> and <u>Ancestry.com</u> web pages and AAFA records.

#### **NOTES from Haidee Alford Reeves**

- Lee Brilleaux was the son-in-law of the late Eulon Alfred Alford, AAFA #0213, and his wife Yvonne. Eulon gave a gift membership to his daughter, Shirley Alford Brilleaux, AAFA #0399, and Lee.
- When Lee learned of Eulon's death he asked Shirley to buy a plot next to Eulon's grave to place his remains there.
- They resided in England and were one of three members we have had in that country over the years.
- Shirley, with her children Kelly and Nick, have returned to this country and will be residing somewhere in or near Hammond, LA.

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