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Beach Boys Co-Founder Mike Love

Passed Away At 85

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USPA NEWS - Beach Boys co-founder Mike Love has passed away at the age of 85. The legendary singer and songwriter died Saturday, surrounded by family and loved ones. No cause of death has been announced.

With his passing, the world has lost a beloved musical icon whose voice and songs touched generations. His legacy will live on through the timeless music he helped create.

The Beach Boys may have originally belonged to our parents' generation, but Gen X happily embraced them as our own. Their music became the soundtrack to countless summer vacations, family road trips, backyard barbecues and carefree days at the beach. Their songs have a way of taking us back to those special moments, reminding us just how timeless their music truly is.

While we grew up hearing classics like "Surfin' U.S.A.," "California Girls," and "Good Vibrations," The Beach Boys found their way back onto our own music charts in 1988 with "Kokomo" from the movie Cocktail. They even hung out with Uncle Jesse and the Tanner family on Full House.

There was something wonderfully magical about their music. You didn't need a surfboard, a California address or even an ocean nearby to feel the summer sunshine, warm ocean breezes and carefree spirit woven into every song. Their music brought to mind sun-soaked afternoons, sandy beaches, crashing waves and endless summer nights. For a few minutes, no matter where you were, you could almost feel your toes in the sand.

Thank you, Mike, for the music, the memories and all those Good Vibrations. Your songs gave us a lifetime of sunshine, summer memories and moments we'll never forget. May the sun always shine, the waves never stop rolling and the music play on forever. Rest easy, Mike.

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