

Paul Revere: "The End of the Ride" 1938 - 2014

On October 4th, 2014 an incredible ride came to the end, As Rock and Roll Band Leader Paul Revere died peacefully at his home in Idaho, a small estate overlooking a tranquil river canyon. He was 76.

From his birthplace in Harvard, Nebraska, January 7th, 1938, to Caldwell, Idaho, Paul began the first of many travels. Ones most people never make.

As a teen in the 1950's, Paul wanted music to be his ticket to success, and it was. Having formed his first musical group, the seed was planted in Boise and Caldwell, Idaho. Modest success followed, but began to fully bloom in Portland, Oregon. By then his group, The Downbeats, had become Paul Revere and the Raiders.

A 1963 encounter with Portland radio DJ Roger Hart began a trip that would put him and his Raider band on the road to Hollywood. Hart became the group's Personal Manager, and with Paul, made travel plans that began with a recording contract with CBS/Columbia Records, one of the worlds' most prominent record labels.

But it was Hart and Paul Revere's connection to TV Legend Dick Clark that put them at the Top. "Yes", says Hart, "it was network television that introduced 5 faces to the nation, all of whom contributed to an image of Hard Rock Humor that endeared them to fans everywhere. Daily, teens across America tuned in to the Dick Clark ABC Television series "Where The Action Is", daily, for over two years.

It was then that the hits began. Paul Revere. Mark Lindsay, Phil Volk, Drake Levin, and Mike Smith, were group members who each gained individual fame, and Paul was the driving force." Mike Smith and Drake Levin preceded Paul Revere in death in recent years.

Paul Revere led the group through 12 years at Columbia Records, with two Dick Clark produced ABC Television series that kept them busy. In addition, Paul's face and his iconic three cornered hat lead the group on major television appearances that included Johnny Carson, The Smothers Brothers, Ed Sullivan, and even an

appearance on Batman. Concert tours all across America and even Europe filled the rest of the schedule. Fan magazines fed teens the latest news of their idols.

When the teen idol years ended, and some group members had moved on, Paul Revere restructured the group into an on-going success story, until this very day. He was often described as 'The last madman of Rock and Roll' for his humor. Hart describes today's version of Paul Revere and The Raiders as "a well oiled machine, with occasional spare parts".

Paul, by then, had departed Hollywood for Idaho, a round-trip for him, this time with success under his belt. From there he and his group continued to tour. He invested in his beloved state, and continued to live there until his death, with his wife of 35 years, Sydney Revere.

Memorial Services are pending.