



David Arnaldo Simón

February 21, 1959 - May 16, 2026

SIMÓN, DAVID ARNOLDO, Age 67, of Warren, Michigan, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Even in the toughest moments, David carried himself with grace, positivity, humor, and a deep sense of spirituality, inspiring everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Born on February 21, 1959, in Comayagua, Honduras, David lived a life defined by creativity, passion, resilience, and community. He was a beloved father, grandfather, friend, mentor, and artist whose warmth and wisdom drew people in from all walks of life.

In his younger years, David was deeply involved in political and social activism throughout Latin America, participating in movements that used art as a voice for justice, awareness, and unity. Music remained one of the great loves of his life. He found peace and joy in playing and sharing music from across Latin America.

A gifted craftsman and multidisciplinary artist, David earned a degree in art preservation and historical restoration from the Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico City. He worked for many years restoring paintings, furniture, and altar pieces for churches and private clients throughout Mexico and the United States, including projects with the Pasadena Historical Society in California.

In 1992, he founded Simón's Furniture Restoration and Custom Designs in Eastpointe, Michigan, where he became widely respected for his masterful antique restorations and his stunning handmade custom furniture and art pieces. His work reflected not only technical skill, but soul, patience, and artistic integrity.

David was equally celebrated for his incredible culinary talent. In 2002, he opened The Alamo in Eastpointe, Michigan, where he shared his love of Mexican and Central American cuisine. Through food, music, conversation, and art, David created spaces where people felt welcomed, inspired, and connected.

A true creative spirit, David immersed himself in the local music and art community and devoted himself to uplifting others through the arts. He participated in community initiatives such as Compás and Garage Cultural in Southwest Detroit, teaching music and art to local youth and helping foster creativity, confidence, and cultural pride in future generations.

Throughout his illness, David was surrounded by unwavering love and support. He was cared for by his loving partner, Carole Shaw. His former spouse, Carolyn Lotito, also stood beside him throughout his cancer journey, and the two maintained a friendship that endured until his final breath.

He is survived by his loving children and grandchildren: Rebecca Simón and her son Emmett; Gabriela Simón and her children Beckham and Tatum; Elena Simón; and Darryl Lawson and his children Kamden, Kylah, and Kruz.

David was preceded in death by his parents, David Simón and Lidia Antúnez.

He also leaves behind countless friends, relatives, fellow artists, musicians,

students, and community members whose lives were enriched by his kindness, creativity, and generous spirit.

David's legacy lives on through the art he created, the music he shared, the wisdom he offered, and the love he poured into his family and community. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Joan of Arc in Saint Clair Shores, MI on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

A celebration of life will take place at MacRay Harbor in Harrison Township, MI on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

In honor of David's vibrant spirit, we encourage guests to leave the black attire at home and instead wear whites, creams, linen, tropical colors, florals, earth tones, or anything festive and full of life.

Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc
21620 Greater Mack Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Memorial Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

MacRay's
30675 North River Road
Harrison Township, MI 48045-1454

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember going to your shows and just the incredible skill and voice that you had. I'm glad you were able to share your talents with many people. I remember talking with you and you telling me that you have dreams of helping local musicians and making music for a living. Rest in peace my friend.



Justin Salazar - 3 hours ago

TM

“ Quedo muy conmovido por la mala noticia del deceso del amigo David Simon, a quien conocí desde la infancia. Mis condolencias a sus familiares.



Tomas Andino Mencia - Yesterday at 01:13 AM



“ Rest well, hermano. The last time we played music together was 8n years ago at your apartment. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of9lmiVGxRo>

John Juan Zo - May 27 at 09:45 PM

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Thanks for sharing this video John! This is one of my favorite songs! Hope you can make it to his celebration!

Carolyn Lotito - May 28 at 07:26 PM

JR

“ *I'll always remember hearing David sing and play. His words to me as I began my own cancer fight years ago was a reminder that there was life to be lived after treatment. He invented himself again and again. He was a beacon. Deepest sympathies. Please find comfort in knowing that David improved the lives of all he encountered.*

Jennifer Renkowski - May 27 at 07:09 PM