

Dave Barrett was one of the most naturally gifted musicians I've ever had the privilege of playing with. He had that rare ability to pick up almost any instrument and make it sound great. Honestly, Dave was the kind of musician who could probably make a dust pan sound good!

Although Dave's time with Cottonwood was relatively brief, the impact he made was anything but. His incredible talent, musical instincts, and ability to blend into our unique sound left a lasting impression on the band.

One of the things that truly set Dave apart was his ear for harmony. Being able to step into a three-part harmony arrangement — especially the sometimes “weird” and challenging parts that made Cottonwood's sound unique — takes a special kind of musician. Dave had that gift.

His versatility, creativity, and natural feel for music are a true testament to the kind of musician he is. We were fortunate to have him be a part of the Cottonwood story, even for a short time.