

'Soulful' man of Pink Floyd dies

A FOUNDED member of rock band Pink Floyd has died aged 65.

Richard Wright lost a short battle with cancer, his said family last night.

Though not as prolific as bandmates David Gilmour, Roger Waters and the late Syd Barrett, Wright's keyboards created much of the soulful Floyd sound on classic albums Wish You Were Here and The Dark Side of the Moon.

Gilmour said last night: "No one can



SOUL: Richard Wright

replace Richard Wright. He was my musical partner and my friend.

"In the welter of arguments about who or what was Pink Floyd, Rick's enormous input

was frequently forgotten...but his soulful voice and playing were magical components.

"Without Us And Them and The Great Gig In The Sky, both of which he wrote, what would The Dark Side Of The Moon have been?"

Wright was in the line-up that reformed to play at Live8 three years ago. He had quit the band after rows with Waters in 1979.

He had been married to his third wife Millie since 1996.