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Lee Brilleaux, the singer for the British rhythm-and-blues band Dr. Feelgood, which he founded, died on Thursday at his home here. He was 41. The cause was cancer, his family said. Dr. Feelgood, which brought the Mississippi sound to the Thames estuary in the 1970's and influenced a generation of punk groups like the Clash and the Boomtown Rats, is likely to disband. "I don't think Dr. Feelgood will now continue without him," a spokesman for the band said. "It is the end of an era." The group, which hit Britain's top 10 hit singles chart with "Milk and Alcohol" in 1979, kept to a hectic touring schedule that every year included Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, Russia and the United States. Dr. Feelgood's 1976 album, "Stupidity," was the first live album to go straight to the top in its first week of release. Mr Brilleaux, long associated with the bars, betting shops and oil terminals of the working-class Canvey Island area, on the Thames estuary, sang songs about cheating women, mean streets and macho men. His sweat-spattered, eye-bulging,

fingerwagging performances gained Dr. Feelgood a cult following.

NOTE FROM HAIDEE ALFORD REEVES: Lee Brilleaux was the son-in-law of the late Eulon Alford and his wife Yvonne AAFA 213. Eulon gave a gift membership to his daughter, Shirley Alford Brillcaux, AAFA #399, and Lee. When Lee learned of Eulon's death he asked Shirley to buy a plot next to Eulon's grave and to place his remains there. They resided in England and were one of the three members we have had in that country over the years. Shirley, with her children Kelly and Nick, have returned to this country and will be residing somewhere in or near Hammond.

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