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Chuck Negron, rock and roll pioneer and founding member of legendary Three Dog Night, dead at 83

STUDIO CITY, Calif. , February 2, 2026 – Chuck Negron, acclaimed musician, notorious rock star, and founding member of Three Dog Night, died peacefully at the age of 83 at his home in Studio City, California on Monday, February 2 surrounded by his loving family. Through his six decades of success, and all the ups-and-downs, his large, unconventional family was most important to him. He is survived by his wife Ami Albea Negron, his children Shaunti Negron Levick, Berry Oakley, Charles Negron III, Charlotte Negron, and Annabelle Negron, his brother Rene (Jody) Negron, sister Denise (Janey) Negron, his 9 grandchildren, 5 nieces and 2 nephews, as well as his children’s mothers, Paula Servetti, Julia Negron, Robin Silna, and Kate Vernon. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles Negron and Elizabeth Rooke, and his twin sister Nancy Negron Dean. After decades of estrangement between him and fellow Three Dog Night founder, Danny Hutton, the two men met last year in a timely effort to exchange apologies and bury the hatchet.

Charles Negron II was born June 8, 1942 to Charles Negron, a Puerto Rican nightclub performer, and Elizabeth Rooke, the couple divorced when he was two years old. He grew up in the Bronx, playing basketball and singing in doo wop groups from an early age. He was recruited by



Allan Hancock College and, later, California State University to play basketball, bringing him to Los Angeles where he continued to explore work in music. In 1967, he joined Danny Hutton and the late Cory Wells to form Three Dog Night, a vocal trio focused on out-of-the-box harmonies, cutting-edge production, and the best songs they could find. This approach made them one of the most successful bands of the late ‘60s and early ‘70s. The band was expanded to include guitarist Michael Allsup, and the late musicians Jimmy Greenspoon, Joe Schermie, and Floyd Sneed. Hutton and Allsup are the last living members of the original band, and continue to

tour as Three Dog Night. Negron’s lead vocals appear on classics like “Joy To The World (Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog),” “One (Is The Loneliest Number),” “Easy To Be Hard,” “Old Fashioned Love Song,”

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“The Show Must Go On,” and more. With heavy drug use rampant during their quick ascension to the top, Negron developed an addiction that took it a step too far. The band’s success was stymied by fractions internally, and fell apart at their peak. Negron’s addiction overtook him, he spent his fortune on drugs and even ended up on Los Angeles’ notorious Skid Row for a time. After many rehabilitation attempts, he finally got clean in 1991 and went on to have a successful solo career, releasing seven albums between ‘95 and 2017. He released a highly-acclaimed book, Three Dog Nightmare in 1999,

which was an honest recount of the ups and downs of his life, truthfully claiming responsibility for his downfalls and strengthening his path of rehabilitation.

In his later years, Negron continued to tour heavily, even through chronic COPD for three decades. He developed cutting-edge strategies to continue to perform at a high-level despite setbacks, and was proud of his vocal abilities until his last shows.

The COVID-19 pandemic sidelined him permanently, as touring became impossibly unsafe with his condition. In his final months, he battled heart failure in addition to the COPD. Chuck Negron was a testament to never giving up – persevering through everything life throws at you, everything you may throw at yourself, and striving on.

About Chuck Negron
Chuck Negron, founding member of Three Dog Night, captivated audiences for over six

decades with his iconic vocals, unique humor and brilliant storytelling. His catalog of hits are timeless and appeal to music fans of all ages. In 1967, Negron joined Danny Hutton and Cory Wells to start Three Dog Night - a vocal trio with roots in R&B, rock and roll, and urban doo wop, creating a style of music that was totally new and unique. The world was introduced to Negron and Three Dog Night in 1969 by the band’s first million-seller “One.” Driven by Negron’s lead vocals on four million-selling singles, three No. 1 records, (one which topped the charts for six weeks, “Joy to The World”) five Top 5 hits and seven Top 40 hits, Three Dog Night topped the charts for six years. Negron was an accomplished singer, songwriter, author, speaker, and athlete, his biggest passion was helping those fighting drug addiction.

For more information please visit www.chucknegron.com.

Riser completes staff with addition of Julius McDougal

MEMPHIS, Tenn., February 2, 2026 – University of Memphis head baseball coach Matt Riser announced the addition of Julius McDougal to the coaching staff prior to the start of the 2026 season.

“Julius is a tremendous addition to an already incredible staff,” Riser said. “He brings proven performance and a track record of winning at every level. ‘J-Mac’ is a dynamic recruiter and a great teacher of the game who will make an immediate imprint on our program. We were fortunate to make a hire of this caliber, especially this time of year. I believe the Tiger family is going to love him and the impact he will help make on the Memphis community!”

“I am very excited and honored to join the Memphis coaching staff and the Memphis community,” said McDougal. “Thank you to Coach Riser for this opportunity, and I am looking forward to helping build Memphis into what we know it can be.”

McDougal was previously a member of the UIC coaching staff since August 2025, with a prior stop of two seasons at San Diego State, where he helped mold Finley Bates into the 2024 Mountain West Freshman of the Year, who logged a .292 average with 64 hits, including 14 doubles, across 53 games played. In the 2025 season, McDougal also helped Nevan Noonan to an All-Mountain West Second Team nod as Noonan was tied for the league lead in hits during conference play with 83.

From 2021-23, McDougal held the role of associate head coach, hitting coach and recruiting co-

ordinator at Georgetown, helping lead the program to back-to-back 30-win seasons after just six wins during his first year with the Hoyas. His time culminated in Georgetown’s first BIG East championship appearance since 2018, with the program setting records for single-season wins, home runs (98), total bases (925) and end-of-season RPI (137).

Over the Hoyas’ consecutive 30-win seasons, McDougal coached BIG EAST Freshman of the Year and Second Team All-American Owen Carapelloti, along with Rawlings All-East Region First Team selections Jake Hyde and Ethan Stern. Six players earned postseason honors in McDougal’s final season with the program, including a pair of first-teamers in Michael Eze and Ubaldo Lopez.

Prior to joining Georgetown, McDougal spent three seasons as a key part of Eastern Kentucky’s coaching staff. The Colonels reached their highest conference win total since 2013 with 16 wins in 2019 with McDougal on staff, also logging back-to-back 30-win campaigns and a 12-2 record to start 2020 before the season was canceled. McDougal helped develop the future of Eastern Kentucky baseball, putting together the 65th-ranked recruiting class in 2020 according to Perfect Game, with the Colonels also having six of the top 20 freshmen in the Ohio Valley Conference according to Perfect Game, the most by any program in the OVC. From 2018-19, three players recruited by McDougal were selected in the MLB Draft.

Two All-Americans learned from McDougal in Daniel Harris

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