

## STEVEN O. SAMUELSON, SR. – MUSIC BIO

Steve was born in Estherville, IA 1952 and lived there until the 4th grade. His family then moved to Sutherland, IA. He started playing guitar at 11 and started his first band at 12 called the "Poor Boys" then started a different group in 1969 called the "Gideon Society". Music was always a big part of his family's pass time, family reunions and get-togethers. All of his Aunts, Uncles and Cousins were singers and played instruments. "*Sunday afternoons in the basement were like the HEE-HAW show,*" Samuelson says. He played in other groups throughout high school such as "Sons Of Tyme".

He spent 2 years in the United States Army and toured in with two different bands made up of Army guys from his engineering battalion "293<sup>rd</sup> Muzikgruppe" and an eight piece all black group in Europe called "Ebony & Ivory" performing at the Octoberfest in 1972. (*Steve was the "ivory" part of this band during its touring tenure*).

After his military discharge in 1973 he moved to Tulsa, OK and played a local group called "Killer Watt" while attending Spartan School of Aeronautics until his graduation in 1975. He then moved back to Sutherland, IA and joined the "J.D.R." band before moving on to another local group called "Hooterville Fire Department."

He then formed the "Justin Davis Band" that toured the Midwest including the lakes area Hut & Wind Jammer which is now Murphy's.

Married in 1978 he and his wife Shelley moved to Sioux Falls, SD for the next 8 years and during that time Steve started World Audio Services sound, lighting and recording company. While doing sound and lighting for national, regional and local groups he started the "Flat Cat" band and toured for approx. five years in the Midwest region.

He is also the lead guitarist for "Arlie's All-Stars" out of Sioux Falls, SD which started in 1975 and the group is still currently performing.

He formed the "Praise-In-Harmony" Christian group in 1990 and later changed the name to the "Sowers Of Seed" releasing their debut CD "Come To The Cross" in mid-August of 2006.

He is also currently the guitarist for the "Seven Sons" out of Sioux City, IA.

He is the music director for the "Opry All-Stars Band" that has performed a Grand Old Opry style country Christmas show for the last 13 years at the Jackson, MN performing arts center.

He's been a worship leader at several churches for many years and is currently part of the local country group called "Jessie James & The Outlaws" traveling around and playing dance music in the Lakes Area.

He has also enjoyed performing the past several years at "Rock The Roof" @ the Roof Garden.

Steve has been inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, once with Arlies All-Stars in 2011 and again with the Seven Sons in 2013. He was also inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2019 as an individual artist.

**Poor Boys – 1965**



**“Gideon Society” – 1969**



**Germany 1972 Band – “293<sup>rd</sup> Muzikgruppe”**



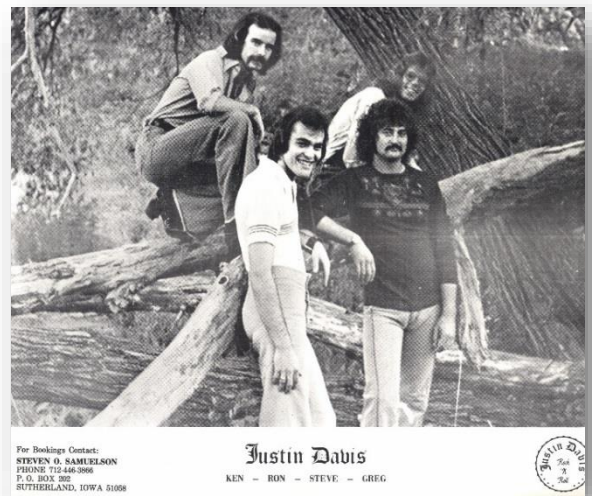
**“Ebony & Ivory” – 1972 (October Fest) Germany**



**“KillerWatt – Tulsa, OK 1974**



**Justin Davis – 1976**



**JDR Band - 1975 – Hartley Danceland**



**Justin Davis @ The Hut in Arnolds Park, IA – 1976**





## **FlatCat – Frost Arena SDSU 1983**



## ***Sowers Of Seeds* – CD Cover (2006)**



## **S.O.S. Group in 2002**





**ARLIE' ALL-STARS – (SOUTH DAKOTA ROCK N ROLL HALL OF FAME 2011)**



***Jessie James & The Outlaws***



***"Tuttle Puddle Pickers" - 2014***



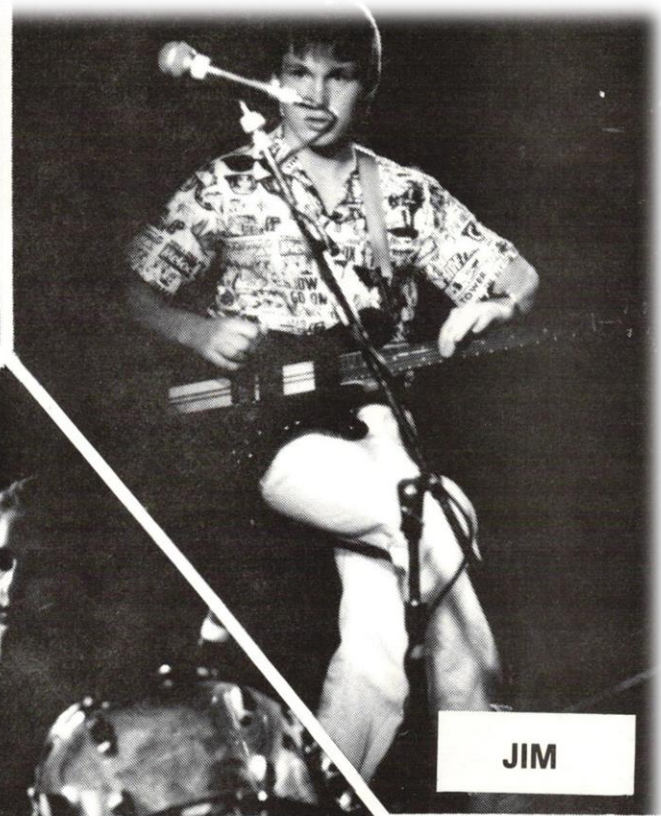
***OPRY ALL STAR BAND – 2009 – 2018***



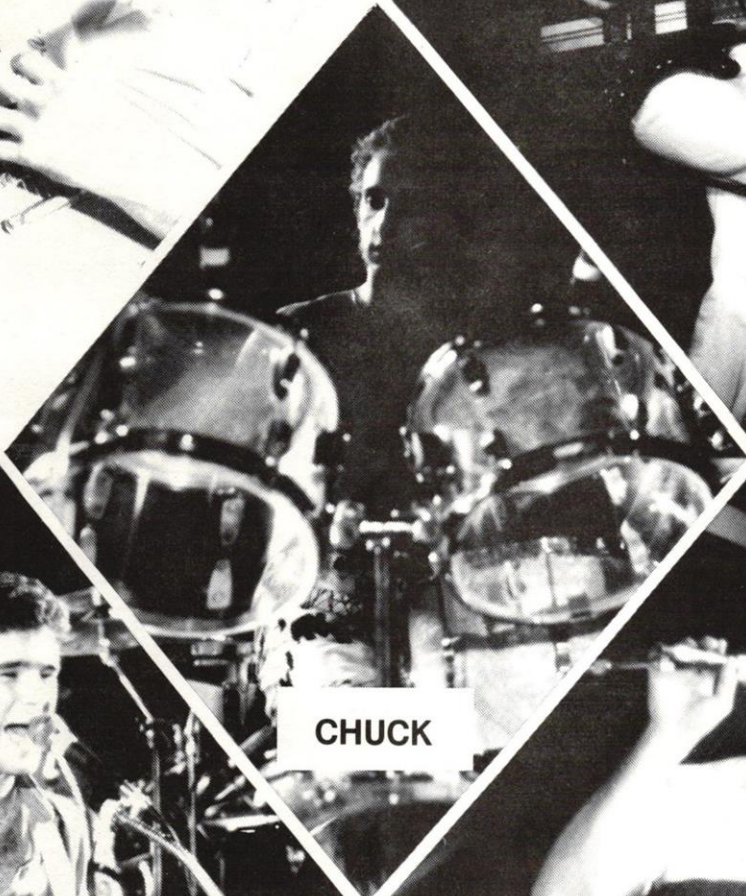




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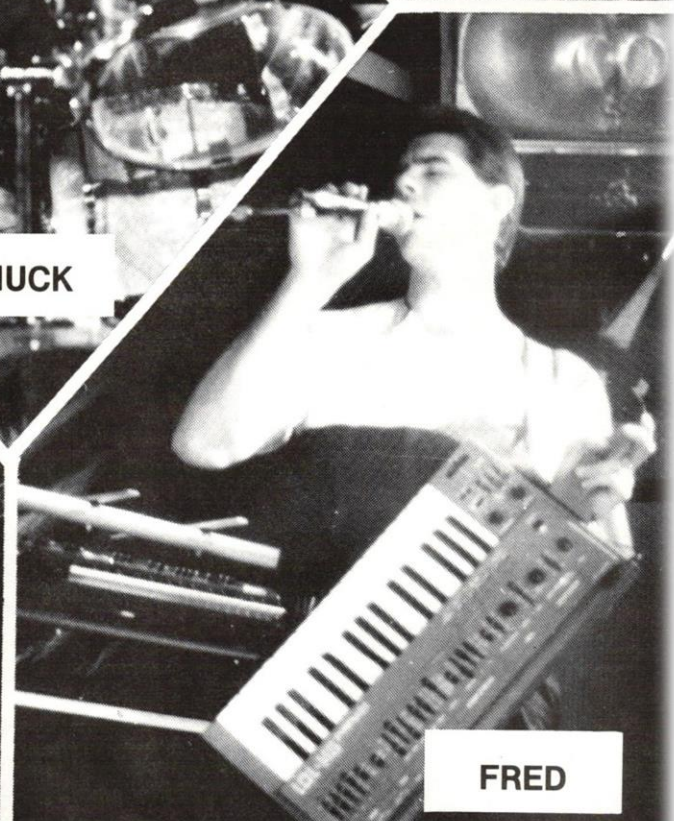
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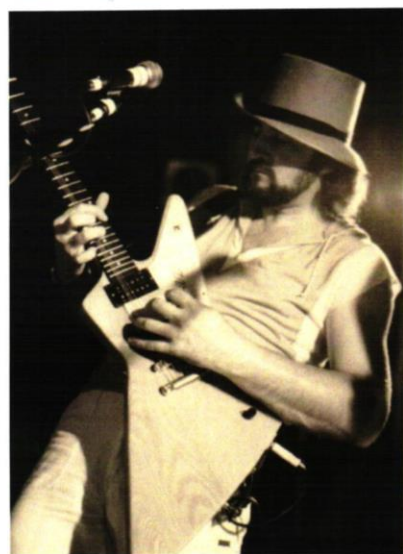
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