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Famous friends pay final tribute

MUSIC stars turned out in force to pay tribute to much-loved Prestwich singer-songwriter Bryan Glancy following his sudden death.

Fellow musicians including David Gray, for whom Bryan was best man, Badly Drawn Boy and Bury band Elbow were among 200 mourners at Failsworth Jewish cemetery for the funeral of the 39-year-old, who died on Friday, January 20.

Bryan was born on April 1966 and grew up in Prestwich. He attended King David Junior School and Bury Grammar School, and began playing guitar, aged 13, in 1979.

He emerged as an inspirational singer-songwriter in the early 1980s, performing at many of Manchester's most prominent venues.

He became well-known on the Manchester music scene as a solo performer and for his collaborations with members of The Chameleons and I am Kloot.

Bryan also toured the world with close friend David Gray, with whom he regularly performed. David was one of Bryan's closest friends and picked him to be best man at his wedding.

Bryan was once a member of seminal 1990s Manchester band The Mouth, before linking up with virtuoso violinist Graham Clark.

He was respected in the industry for his personal and musical integrity, which saw him upholding his ideals to the detriment of commercial success.

Close friend Saul Brody paid tribute by saying: "He was a warm, charismatic, funny and intelligent man who will be greatly missed by scores of friends and admirers.

"It is an indication of the high esteem in which he was held that he was best man to no fewer than six of his closest friends, including David Gray.

"Bryan had a magnetic quality that drew people towards him – he was admired for his musical talent, wry, intelligent humour, his loyalty and compassionate nature. He was a wonderfully talented and versatile man and he will be sorely missed."

At the time of his death Bryan was studying for a degree in creative writing at Salford University.



BADLY Drawn Boy who attended the funeral of Brian Glancy.

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