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KUVO JAZZ Remembers Radio Host and Pioneer Danny Valenzuela

Special Memorial Broadcast of "The Latin Soul Party" to Celebrate His Life and Legacy

Denver, CO - KUVO JAZZ announces with profound sorrow the passing of beloved friend and radio host Danny Valenzuela. He died Dec. 13, 2025. He was 77.

Valenzuela grew up in El Paso, Texas, his life shaped by music, specifically oldies, Tejano and the soulful sounds he championed. He moved to Denver after studying at the University of Texas at El Paso and serving as a weatherman in the U.S. Navy.

He volunteered for KUVO, helping to fundraise before the station first went on the air. His work as a broadcast engineer and innate musicality made him an indispensable part of the station. In 1990, he became a co-host of "Canción Mexicana" and a year later launched his legacy show, ["The Latin Soul Party."](#)

Beyond KUVO, Valenzuela founded Denver's first Spanish DJ service, Latin Nites DJs, and hosted "The Super Tejano Show" on KBNO Radio.

His musical taste was expansive. "I especially like Tejano, especially Little Joe, Emilio, Selena and Grupo Mazz. I like Old School, hence the name MC Cuervo, (from) when I was an old school club DJ. I like good rock and roll, classic rock and even heavy metal, like Slayer," Valenzuela said in his [biography on kuvo.org](#).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and brothers Eddie and Bobby. He is survived by a son, a daughter, grandchildren, a large extended family and thousands of friends and fans.

The community is invited to listen to a memorial broadcast at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, on "The Latin Soul Party." Hosts Ricky O, "Jammin Joe" Serna and "Jedi" George Murad will present the annual Christmas program and include a memorial celebration of Valenzuela's life, with some of his spoken word recordings and some of his favorite tunes.

Tune in to celebrate the life and legacy of Danny Valenzuela.

MEMORIAL BROADCAST DETAILS:

Show: The Latin Soul Party

Date: Friday, December 19, 2025

Time: 8:00 p.m. MST

On-air: KUVO JAZZ 89.3 FM

Stream: kuvo.org

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About KUVU JAZZ

[KUVU JAZZ](#) is a vibrant public radio station broadcasting a mix of traditional and contemporary jazz, blues, and Latin jazz on 89.3 FM in Denver. With a free app and YouTube channel, it streams programs live to a worldwide listener community. The station features live performances from national touring artists, local musicians, and students, while also participating in concerts and community events. KUVU is dedicated to reflecting the cultural diversity of its listeners through its expanded multicultural programming.

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