***Write a 200 word obituary for a famous person who interests you.***

Bradley James Nowell, 28, of Long Beach, California, lead guitar and front man for the reggae-rock band, Sublime, died Saturday morningof an apparent drug overdose. He was found in his San Francisco beachfront hotel room late Saturday morning by the band’s drummer Bud Gaugh.

Nowell was born and raised in Long Beach, CA by his parents Jim and Nancy and his sister Kelly. He grew up with an interest in sailing and surfing. By the time he was 13 he was well on his way to becoming a musician. In 1979 while on a sailing trip with his father to the Virgin Islands, Nowell got his first taste of reggae music which inspired him from then on.

Sublime, Nowell’s band, formed in 1987 when bassist, Eric Wilson and drummer, Bud Gaugh joined. Sublime started out playing small shows at bars and clubs, but is now a monument to the time period and style of the music.

A funeral service and reception will be held at the Long Beach Funeral Home late Monday afternoon. A viewing will be offered to fans of Nowell the following evening.

Rest in Peace Bradley James Nowell (Feb.22, 1968 – May 25, 1996)

"Life is too short, so love the one you got." –Bradley Nowell