**Garry Mulligan**

**Gerald Joseph** "**Gerry**" **Mulligan** (April 6, 1927 – January 20, 1996) was an American [jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz) saxophonist, clarinetist, composer and arranger. Though Mulligan is primarily known as one of the leading [baritone saxophonists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baritone_saxophone) in jazz history – playing the instrument with a light and airy tone in the era of [cool jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cool_jazz) – he was also a notable arranger, working with [Claude Thornhill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claude_Thornhill), [Miles Davis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miles_Davis), [Stan Kenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stan_Kenton), and others. Mulligan's pianoless quartet of the early 1950s with trumpeter [Chet Baker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chet_Baker) is still regarded as one of the more important cool jazz groups. Mulligan was also a skilled pianist and played several other reed instruments. Several of his compositions, such as "[Walkin' Shoes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walkin%27_Shoes" \o "Walkin' Shoes)" and "Five Brothers", have become jazz standards.