

R.I.P. Donald “Duck” Dunn

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Donald “Duck” Dunn the bassist for Booker T. & The MGs passed in his sleep today at age 70 after performing at Tokyo Blue Note. Dunn grew-up in Memphis with future fellow band member Steve Cropper. He started playing the bass when he was 16 and he Cropper were in The Mar-Keys that had the 1961 hit “Last Night.” He joined Cropper in 1962 at the Stax studios as a member of the house band. Dunn became a revered musician for his work with Booker T. & The MGs and inspired several artists from Paul McCartney to hip-hop. Otis Redding, Rod Stewart, Issac Hayes, Albert King, Tom Petty, Johnnie Taylor, Elvis Presley and Diana Ross are just some of the artists that utilized his sound. In 2007 he and the other members of Booker T.& The MGs received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.