

# Throwback: The Soul Searchers-Ashley's Roachclip



[youtube id="md9veYbl7wI"] Chuck Brown formed his Soul Searchers band in the late '60's after studying Latin rhythms as a member of the Los Latinos Band and James Brown's premier funk. *Salt Of The Earth* (1974) was the second album for The Soul Searchers. "Ashley's Roachclip" reflects the James Brown influence coming from guitarist Jimmy Nolen and it shows what The Soul Searchers sounded like before they developed their Go-Go sound. The instrumental funk track could have been used for a blaxploitation film. The relentless groove of "Ashley's Roachclip" continues to attract successive generations of hip-hop producers. Chuck Brown is known nationally for the success of his 1978 hit "Bustin' Loose" but The Soul Searchers were an institution in the D.C. area for the Go-Go sound.

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## R.I.P. Chuck Brown

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D.C.'s Godfather of Go-go Chuck Brown passed today after a lengthy fight with pneumonia. Brown is famous for his Go-Go hit "Bustin' Loose" that was famously sampled by Nelly for "Hot In Herre." The singer had been on the D.C. scene since the '60's and was an influence on Go-go bands in the area like EU, Trouble Funk and Rare Essence. He has a discography of 22 albums and in 2009 a D.C. street was renamed Chuck Brown Way

in honor of him.