

# R.I.P. Oliver Cheatham

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Detroit-bred singer Oliver Cheatham, known for his R&B single "Get Down Saturday Night" has passed at the age of 65 according to Soultracks.com. Cheatham's song is an immortal party classic from the '80's co-written by One Way's Kevin McCord and was recently featured in Grand Theft Auto: Vice City. He recorded two duets with Jocelyn Brown and a few other singles including "Bless The Ladies," "S.O.S." and "Celebrate Our Love" but "Get Down Saturday Night" is the song that put him in the feel good R&B canon. Daft Punk sampled "Get Down Saturday Night" for the song "Voyager" and Vito Lucente reworked the song into a house track as Room 5 calling it "Make Luv" and giving Cheatham his first number one slot on the UK singles chart in 2003.

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## Throwback: Oliver Cheatham- Get Down Saturday Night



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Oliver Cheatham's "Get Down Saturday Night" was a culmination of all the work he did with 4 local bands in his native Detroit and members of One Way. Cheatham and keyboardist Kevin McCord co-wrote the song that was featured on his 1983 debut

album for MCA. He followed "Get Down Saturday Night" with ["Bless The Ladies"](#) and another dance track ["Make Up Your Mind."](#) Cheatham recorded a total of three albums in the '80's and five singles including ["SOS,"](#) ["Wish On A Star"](#) and "Be Thankful For What You Got." The singer who currently lives in England released the independent album *Stand For Love* in 2004.