

## Archie Manning

### NFL Legend

When people think of Archie Manning, they think football. But Archie's appeal transcends his athletic achievements. People far and wide have been inspired by his warm personality, his drive and sense of humor. He was selected Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Council. He currently serves in public relations and consulting capacities for several local, regional and national companies, including Gatorade, Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, Direct TV and Zurich. For 25 years he hosted four Archie Manning Cystic Fibrosis benefit golf tournaments in Louisiana and Mississippi and is active in a wide variety of charitable and civic causes.

Archie was born May 19, 1949, in Drew, Mississippi. He attended the University of Mississippi where he was named an All-American Quarterback and his number is retired. He was voted Mississippi's Greatest All-Time Athlete in 1992, and was named Mississippi's Most Popular Athlete of the Century. He was elected to the 50-Year All-South Team (1940-1990), named one of the Top 25 Athletes of the Century in Louisiana and he and his son Peyton were named among the 100 All-Time Greatest College Football Players. Archie was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame and is a member of other Halls of Fame including Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 1971, Archie was the second player chosen in the NFL draft – the number one draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. He set Saints passing records, played in two Pro Bowls and was named the NFC Most Valuable Player in 1978. He was the first player in Saints history to be inducted into the Louisiana Superdome Wall of Fame and was in the first class of the Saints Ring of Honor. He concluded his 15-year career in 1985. He was also drafted four times by major league baseball.

While in pro football, he received the Byron "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award, the Bart Starr Humanitarian Award, the Spirit of Good Sports Award from the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association and the U.S. Jaycees named him one of 10 Outstanding Young Americans. In 2005 Archie received the Legends award from the Davey O'Brien Foundation and the Aspire award, a tribute to life's coaches, from the Cal Ripken Foundation. Archie was honored by the United States Sports Academy with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award. Also, he received the Silver Buffalo, the Boy Scouts of America's highest award. Archie received the Reds Bagnell Award from the Maxwell Football Club, he was the 51<sup>st</sup> winner of the Bert Bell Award, and was honored at the Super Bowl in New Orleans with the Pat Summerall Award. Archie and his wife Olivia were recipients of the National Pathfinder Award for their work in post-Hurricane Katrina.

His community activities include Louisiana Special Olympics, the New Orleans Area Boy Scout Council, the Salvation Army, United Way Speakers Bureau, Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee, the New Orleans Sports Foundation, and is Chairman of the Board of the National Football Foundation. He was selected to serve on the first College Football Playoff selection committee.

Archie and Olivia reside in New Orleans and have three sons, Cooper, Peyton and Eli. They are the proud grandparents of three boys and four girls.

Cooper is a partner with Howard Weil, an energy investment banking firm in New Orleans. Peyton is a former All-American at Tennessee and was the first player chosen in the 1998 NFL Draft. He has been selected as the MVP of the National Football League five times. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl 13 times. In 2006 he won the Walter

Payton award as the “NFL Man of the Year”. He led the Colts to Super Bowl XLI championship and was named MVP of the game. In the past two seasons, he has quarterbacked the Denver Broncos to 28 wins, two Western Division titles and an AFC Championship. In 2013 he set all-time NFL records in yardage and touchdown passes (55). Eli was also an All-American at Ole Miss and was the first player chosen in the 2004 NFL draft. Eli has been selected to three Pro Bowls and led the Giants to world championships in Super Bowl XLII and XLVI and was named MVP of both games.

Archie and Peyton wrote a book entitled “*Manning: A Father, His Sons and A Football Legacy*”. Peyton and Eli also wrote a children’s book entitled “*Family Huddle*”. Archie and his boys have operated the Manning 2 Passing Academy, a summer camp for high school quarterbacks and receivers, for 18 years. Archie is an owner of *Manning’s*, a sports-themed restaurant on Fulton Street in New Orleans.

In honor of the Mannings’ college football accomplishments, the Sugar Bowl has created the Manning Award to go to the nation’s best college quarterback. The Manning family was named the second most inspiring family in America by *Town & Country* Magazine in its June 2013 issue. They were recently featured in a highly rated documentary on ESPN entitled “The Book of Manning”.

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