

Kerry Collins Retires

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Former Carolina Panthers quarterback Kerry Collins announced his retirement on Thursday.

Collins played 16 years in the National Football League, including the last five with the Tennessee Titans. Collins, who played at Penn State, was selected by the Panthers in their expansion year with the fifth pick of the NFL draft in 1995.

He led the Panthers to the 1996 NFC championship game; he led the New York Giants to Super Bowl XXXV in 2000. The Giants lost to the Baltimore Ravens, 35-7. Collins also played for Oakland and New Orleans.

In 194 games (177 starts), Collins completed 55.8 percent of his passes for 40,441 yards and 206 touchdowns, with 195 interceptions.

"The past several months have brought on much introspection, and I have decided that while my desire to compete on Sundays is still and always will be there, my willingness to commit to the preparation necessary to play another season has waned to a level that I feel is no longer adequate to meet the demands of the position," Collins said in a statement released by the Titans

Collins, who is 38-years-old, threw for 1,823 yards, 14 touchdowns and eight interceptions for the Titans in 2010.

HALL OF FAMER JOHN MACKEY PASSES AWAY

Hall of Fame tight end John Mackey has passed away. He suffered from dementia in recent years. He was 69.

Mackey played ten years in the NFL, nine of those with the Baltimore Colts (1963-1971), and his final season with the San Diego Chargers. A five-time Pro Bowl selection, Mackey was famous for catching a deflected pass from Baltimore's Johnny Unitas for a 75-yard touchdown in Super Bowl V against the Dallas Cowboys.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1992. Mackey caught 331 passes in his career for 5,236 yards and 38 touchdowns. He also served as president of the NFL Players Association.

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