

Tar Heel Legend Pete Brennan Passes Away

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Former North Carolina basketball star Pete Brennan, whose crucial shot in the semifinals helped the Tar Heels win the 1957 national championship, died Friday after a battle with cancer. Brennan, who was 75-year-old, was at a Durham rehabilitation center following his discharge nearly a week ago from the hospitals. where he was treated for Brennan

had been diagnosed with prostate cancer in April, according to his daughter, Kelly Brennan. Brennan was a member of the 1957 team that went undefeated and won the national championship with a triple-overtime victory over Wilt Chamberlain and Kansas. Brennan's jumper with four seconds left forced the second of three overtimes in the semifinal win over Michigan State.

Brennan was the player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1958, and his No. 35 jersey hangs in the Smith Center. Her was a first-round draft pick of the New York Knicks in 1958.

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