

# Pele. A football legend.



Today, December 29th, 2022, at the age of 77, Pelé, largely considered as the greatest soccer player of all time, passed away.

Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pelé, was a Brazilian footballer who played for Santos FC. He was born in Três Corações and started his professional career there at the age of 15. He immediately gained notoriety and helped the team win numerous games both domestically and internationally.

Unquestionably talented on the field, Pelé became well-known for his inventive playmaking and goal-scoring skills. His athleticism was unrivaled.

He played a significant role in the Brazilian national team's three World Cup victories, including the legendary 1958 competition where, at the age of just 17, he scored twice against Sweden in the championship match to become the youngest player ever to win a World Cup.

The title of "The King of Football" was given to Pelé in recognition of his outstanding achievement in that competition as well as his talent and sportsmanlike conduct throughout his career. He was also the Brazilian Minister of Sport for a time.

In addition to his accomplishments with Santos FC and the Brazilian national team, Pelé also participated in the North American Soccer League with the New York Cosmos. Even though he stopped playing professionally in soccer in 1977, his influence on the game persisted for a very long time. Pele passionately promoted soccer and its principles as a global soccer ambassador.

Pele was inducted into the Brazilian Football Museum Hall of Fame and selected Athlete of the Century by the International Olympic Committee.

Along with his extraordinary talent on the field, Pelé will be remembered for his graciousness and humility off the field as well. For many generations to come, soccer will be affected by his contributions, and he will always be regarded as a great legend of the sport.

We will always remember the spirit, talent and goodness of Pele the player and football's most important symbol and representative. A first among football equals.

RIP Pele.

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# THE STORY

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## Research

In the boxes below, share your story! What important events have happened in this person's life? Research and then present the information to the class.

Personal Information

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8. Did Pele win a World Cup?

Yes, he did.

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