



## **Curly Neal**

A truly magical shooter and dribbler, Curly Neal embraced the imagination of fans all over the world wearing his patented, infectious smile over his clean shaven head.

Curly played for the Harlem Globetrotters for 22 years- from 1963-1985- during which time he traveled millions of miles, performed in 97 countries and completed more than 6,000 basketball games. Neal was always known for his outstanding ball-handling ability as a dribbling wizard, but his exhibitions prove he may very well be one of the purest shooters to ever play the game. He had a knack for hitting shots from beyond the mid-court mark.

During the 1991-92 season, Curly played a starring role in the NBA's "Stay in School" Program. This program impacted over 50,000 middle school students in the Central Florida area, encouraging and rewarding them to stay in school and stay off drugs.

Since retiring from the Globetrotters, Curly has made numerous personal appearances throughout the world for various causes. Curly is no stranger to television, as he had made guest appearances on the Nickelodeon Children's Show, Comic Strip Live, Totally Hidden Videos, Entertainment Tonight, MTV, NBA inside Stuff, NBA Stay in School Jam and the 1992 NBA All-Star pre-game show. He has also appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, The Merv Griffin Show, Good Morning America and PM Magazine. Neal also played a starring role as Supertrotter on "The Harlem Globetrotters Popcorn Machine", a television series that aired from 1973-1974. Neal has also appeared in numerous TV commercials and print ads throughout his career.

Curly is a strong Christian man who likes to share the love of God with children through his smile and actions as much as with words.

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