



## Jeff Garcia

Jeff Garcia has found ways to overcome the improbable. He has been a leader and a winner in everything that he has done and he has done it with a passion that has utilized hard work, perseverance, and a die trying mentality. His humbleness precedes the accolades and the contributions that he has personally been a part of. It's not just his 17 year professional career that you will take notice of but more so the dedicated and personable way that he carries himself that has allowed him to be a leader throughout his life.

He has utilized his professional accomplishments on the field as a springboard to help give back and support others. Whether out of his own pocket or through the various works with The Garcia Pass It On Foundation, The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, or other partnering organizations, he has been instrumental in helping to provide educational support through scholarships, shelter and care support for the abused and abandoned, medical support through various cancer research centers and the Ronald McDonald House Charities, as well as facility upgrades in his home town of Gilroy, Gilroy High School,



Gavilan Junior College, and San Jose State University, respectively. Millions of dollars have gone out to support these causes that have touched the Garcia Family's heart.

After his collegiate career, Jeff headed north of the American border where he joined the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. There he became a 4 time CFL All Star and helped to lead the Stamps to a 1998 Grey Cup Championship with a game winning drive and MVP performance.

Jeff's childhood dreams would become reality when he was signed by the San Francisco 49ers. He would enjoy a 12 year NFL career, spanning 7 teams. Great character and passion, as well as the ability to get people to believe in one common goal would help him to lead 4 playoff runs with 3 separate teams, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Tampa Bay, 3 times bringing those teams back to playoff life after experiencing losing seasons the previous year.

He was a 4 time NFL Pro Bowl Selection, 3 time Pro Football Hall of Fame nominee, he is one of only 8 quarterbacks in NFL history who have achieved 2 consecutive 30 touchdown seasons. He is the 20th player to surpass 40,000 passing yards in his professional career that spans 17 seasons and has one of the best ever touchdown to interception ratios in NFL history. While with the 49ers, he set the all time single season passing yardage mark with 4,278 yards and is the only QB in their storied history to have 3 consecutive seasons of 3000 plus passing yards. Not bad for a guy who was overlooked in the NFL draft, maybe because he was "not tall enough, not strong enough, and not fast enough".