



## **Bill Cartwright**

Bill Cartwright is a winner! He was in his basketball career, he is in his business career and he continues to be a winner in his family life.

Cartwright was a 7'1" NBA center was a dominant physical presence for 3 teams. He was drafted in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 1979 NBA draft, #3 overall, by the New York Knicks. He made an All-Star Game appearance in his rookie season and was named to the All Rookie First Team. He was named team captain of the Knicks but 4 separate fractures to his foot began to slow him steps.

Bill was traded to the Chicago Bulls in 1988 and it was here that he fully established himself as a presence. He was once again named team captain and led the Bulls to 3 consecutive NBA championships in 1991, 1992, and 1993. In 1994, he moved on as a free agent to the Seattle SuperSonics where he spent the final season of his 16 year playing career.

In 1996, Bill rejoined the Chicago Bulls as an assistant coach and won two more NBA championships with the team in 1997 and 1998. In 2001, he took over the Bulls' head coach where he remained until 2003, coaching a team that had been stripped of its best players. He moved on from Chicago to be an assistant coach with the New Jersey Nets and Phoenix Suns before spending the 2013 season coaching in Japan and 2014 as head coach of the Mexican National Team.

Cartwright has firmly established himself in the business world as the owner of a car dealership and a restaurant and he recently divested himself from a successful security services firm. He is now Director of Initiatives for the University of San Francisco, his alma mater.

As for the grounding in his life, Bill has long been married to his wife Sheri whom he met back in Junior High School! Together they and their 4 children support many non-profit organizations as they give back to their community as a family.

Sixteen seasons as a player, sixteen seasons as a coach plus 25+ years in business have shaped Bill into the leader, decision-maker and strategist that he is today. Contact us to tap into Bill's wealth of experience and knowledge for your organization.

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