

Ken Anderson

Born February 15, 1949 in Batavia, Illinois. Attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he lettered in both football and basketball. Anderson was selected in the 3rd round of the 1971 NFL draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. With Paul Brown and Bill Walsh as his coaches, he was one of the first Quarterbacks to run the "West Coast Offense. In his 16 year career he led the NFL in passer rating 4 times, completion percentage 3 times and passing yards twice. He was selected to four Pro Bowls (1975-76, 1981-82). After leading the Bengals to their first Super Bowl appearance in the 1981 season, he was awarded the NFL's MVP and comeback player of the year. During his career Anderson completed 2,654 of 4,475 passes (59.3%) for 32,838 yards and 197 touchdowns. He also gained 2,220 rushing yards and scored 20 rushing touchdowns on 397 carries. He was also named the NFL's Man of the Year in 1975 for his accomplishments on the field and his work in the community. Anderson has been a finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame twice. After his retirement in 1986, he coached for the Cincinnati Bengals (10 years), the Jacksonville Jaguars (4 years) and the Pittsburgh Steelers (3 years). After retiring from coaching, Ken and his wife Cristy formed the Ken Anderson Foundation to help the lives of adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. In 2016 they merged with another group of families with children and young adults with developmental disabilities who shared a common vision to form the Ken Anderson Alliance. Today that work continues as they work to create live, work and engage opportunities for adults living with developmental disabilities in the Greater Cincinnati Area.