

ART STILL

Art Still was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey with four brothers and five sisters. After graduating from Camden High School, Art attended the University of Kentucky where he received a Bachelor in General Studies with his focus in criminal justice. While attending the University of Kentucky Art became one the fiercest defenders in school history and led Kentucky to its last 10-win season in 1977. Voted a unanimous First Team All-American as a senior, Still was named the 1977 SEC Defensive Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Lombardi Award. Playing for coach Fran Curci, the two-time First Team All-SEC selection led the Wildcats to the SEC Championship and a victory in the Peach Bowl in 1976. A four-year starter, Still finished his career with 327 tackles, and he holds the school record for tackles for loss in a season with 22 in 1977. The Camden, N.J., native was twice named the National Lineman of the Week, and he led Kentucky to its highest final AP ranking as the Wildcats finished No. 6 in 1977. Named the 1977 SEC Senior Player of the Year by the Birmingham Touchdown Club, Still played in the East-West Shrine Game, Hula Bowl and Japan Bowl senior all-star games. A member of the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame, Still had his jersey retired, and he is a member of the school's All-Time Team. Named to the Quarter Century All-SEC team.

Chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs with the second overall pick in the 1978 NFL Draft, Still spent 10 seasons with the Chiefs and two with the Buffalo Bills. The four-time Pro Bowl selection set Chiefs' records for sacks in a career and season, was 2-Time MVP, NFL All Rookie in 1978 and he currently ranks second in team history with 992 tackles.

Art has been inducted in numerous Hall of Fames including Kentucky Football Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame of Liberal Arts, Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, and College Football Hall of Fame. He is currently a member of the Kansas City Chiefs Ambassadors. The Ambassadors is a collection of former players from throughout the club's history and is the only group of its kind in the NFL. Individuals are hand-selected based on tenure and their willingness to participate in outreach events and meetings, and they serve as an innovative asset to the Chiefs Community Caring Team in Kansas City and beyond. They support our community with local scholarship programs, charity golf tournaments and numerous charitable visits and appearances.

Following his NFL career, Art began ABS Support Services and served as its President from 1999 through 2009. It's scope of work included general contracting, concrete pumping and provided environmental supplies. ABS was certified as a minority business through the SBA 8a program, the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the City of Kansas City, State of Missouri and numerous DOT's. It's contract base ranged from federal, municipalities and private jobs. Art dissolved the business in 2010 after one of his sons was involved in a near fatal motorcycle accident. His son suffered many broken bones and a traumatic brain injury. Art devoted the next few years assisting him in his recovery.

As successful as his athletic career was, Art's greatest fulfillment has been post professional sports. His life has led him down many paths but his commitment to living a healthy lifestyle,

both mind and body has enabled him to do what he enjoys the most. He began his own business in 2017, Still 4 Life. He finds joy in sharing with others his stories and healthy lifestyle tips. He is a Corporate Wellness Coach and his partner, Greg Justice (a National Fitness Hall of Famer) have successfully created programs for a variety of corporations and schools, including Chapel Haven, a community for adults on the autism spectrum. They have co-authored a book *Mind Over Head Chatter, The Psychology of Athletic Success*.

Art's enthusiasm and passion for people, especially children, has led him to be an active participant in a number of charity organizations such Children's Charity of the Blue Grass, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics, Walter Camp Foundation, NPH USA International Orphanage, and advocates against domestic violence.

Art is the great-great grand-nephew of abolitionist William Still, who was active in the development of the Underground Railroad. William's older brother James Still was a well-known physician. Art's sister, Valerie, founded the organization The Dr. Still Preservation Trust, a 501(c)3 which manages the restoration of the real estate, preserves the legacy of Dr. James Still and it provides academic scholarships for high school students.

Together with his wife of 36 years, Liz, Art has raised 11 children (6 sons and 5 daughters) and has 19 grandchildren. He was taught to always treat *all* people the way that he wanted to be treated. He is an admitted Lifeaholic and is humbled to have many influencers in his life. Today, he lives his life to "pay it forward".

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