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--PETE ADAMS, ALL-AMERICAN TACKLE ON USC'S 1972 NATIONAL CHAMPS, DIES

LOS ANGELES--Pete Adams, an All-American offensive tackle on USC's 1972 national championship team whose scruffy dog served as a popular mascot of that title squad, died on April 6 in Leucadia, Calif. of natural causes. He was 67.

A memorial celebration will be held on April 20 at 2 p.m. at the Encinitas Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Rd., Cardiff, Calif. 92007).

Adams was a 3-year (1970-72) letterman at USC, winning All-American first team and All-Pac-8 first team honors as a 1972 senior. His 1972 Trojan squad went 12-0, dominating teams so well that only one victory was closer than 10 points, and beat Ohio State in the Rose Bowl to claim the national crown. Adams was selected to play in the Hula Bowl, College All-Star Game and Coaches All-America Game.

Adams found a stray dog his senior year, named it "Turd" and the beloved mutt became the unofficial mascot of the 1972 Trojans, accompanying Adams to meetings, practices and games.

He was a first round pick in the 1973 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns and played for them in 1974 and 1976. Injuries shortened his NFL career.

He then worked in the restaurant and construction industries.

He came to USC from University of San Diego High via San Diego City College.

Adams is survived by his sister, Ann, brother, Michael, their spouses, a nephew and several nieces.

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