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**--MARV MARINOVICH, CAPTAIN OF USC'S 1962 NATIONAL CHAMP FOOTBALL TEAM, DIES**

**LOS ANGELES**—Marv Marinovich, who captained USC's 1962 national championship football team and then played with the Oakland Raiders before becoming a noted strength and conditioning coach, died on Thursday (Dec. 3) of natural causes in Mission Viejo, Calif. He was 81.

Services are pending.

Marinovich's sons played football like their father. Todd was a quarterback at USC and with the Raiders, while Mikhail was a defensive end at Syracuse.

Marv lettered for the Trojans in 1959, 1961 and 1962 as a two-way lineman. The 1962 USC team that he captained went 11-0, including a 42-37 victory over Wisconsin in the 1963 Rose Bowl. As a 1962 senior, he won USC's Most Inspirational Player award, was named Troy's Player of the Game Versus UCLA and was chosen to play in the Hula Bowl.

He came to USC from Watsonville (Calif.) High and Santa Monica (Calif.) Community College, which he helped win the 1958 junior college national championship.

After a brief career with the Raiders, Marinovich became the team's strength and conditioning coach. He also held similar roles with the St. Louis Cardinals and the World Football League's Hawaii franchise.

He then opened his own sports performance, training and research center in Orange County. His philosophy was based on Eastern Bloc training methods that focused on speed and flexibility. Among the professional athletes he trained, in addition to son Todd, were Troy Polamalu, Jason Sehorn, Tyson Chandler, Steve Finley and BJ Penn.

Along with sons Todd and Mikhail, he is survived by his daughter, Traci Marinovich Grove, his brother, Gary, and several grandchildren.