

In Loving Memory of Roman Gabriel

NFL Legend | My Friend, Partner, and Believer in Women's Football

It has been one year since the world lost a legend -- and I lost not just a partner, but a true friend and supporter of a dream many thought impossible.

Roman Gabriel, legendary NFL Quarterback, was not only a hero on the field -- he was a hero off the field too. When few believed that women could or should play tackle football, Roman stepped forward with courage and heart. Together, we co-owned the Southwest Michigan Jaguars women's professional football team -- one of the early powerhouses helping shape the future of women's sports.

Roman's belief in our team -- and in me -- changed the course of history.

He was the first NFL legend to step up publicly, to truly believe women deserved the right to compete, to play hard, and to love the game as fiercely as he did.

I still remember the night that changed everything:

The legendary Steve Sabol, owner of NFL Films, flew Roman Gabriel to Michigan to surprise me at the opening game of my team.

The moment I saw Roman walk onto the field -- my childhood hero, my movie star -- right there in Otsego, Michigan, spending the evening with my team, my family, and our fans... it was unforgettable.

A dream come true.

The odds that I would one day meet Roman Gabriel, let alone become his business partner, were

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beyond anything I could have imagined.

And yet, life had a bigger plan.

Roman became one of my biggest supporters, not just of women's football, but of my work to protect female athletes.

Though he passed before seeing the launch of my proudest achievement, the Bionic Bra TM, his spirit remains tied to every milestone.

He was proud.

He believed.

And he knew that bigger things were ahead.

Since that time, I have gone on to serve as the Commissioner of the United States Premier Women's Football League (USPWFL), and as a consultant to the Women's Football League (WFL) -- each step a testament to the seeds Roman helped plant.

Today, I stand on the shoulders of giants like Roman Gabriel -- a man who not only changed the game but changed lives.

His legacy lives on every time a woman laces up her cleats and takes the field with pride, power, and purpose.

It lives on in my work to protect, uplift, and advance women in sports.

And it lives on in my heart -- forever.

Thank you, Roman.

You believed in me before the world did.

I will never forget.

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-- Dr. Pamela McQueer

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