Fran Tarkenton

Year Inducted: 1977  Category: Football

Born in Richmond, Virginia...Member of the NFL Hall of Fame...1975 NFL MVP...1960 All-American at the University of Georgia...1959 & 1960 All-SEC selection...One of the most prolific passers in pro football history....Played with the Minnesota Vikings and New York Giants from 1961-1978...When he retired, held NFL records for career attempts (6,467), career completions (3,686), career yards (47,003), career touchdowns (342), most consecutive seasons with 2,000 or more yards passing (15), most seasons and most consecutive seasons with 1,000 or more yards passing (18), most pass attempts in a season (572 in 1978) and most pass completions in a season (345 in 1978)...Accounted for 50,677 yards of total offense (47,003 pass, 3,674 rush) which is equaled to 29 miles or 500 football fields...Led Georgia to the 1959 SEC title and an Orange Bowl victory...58.6 percent career completion percentage. "...the greatest quarterback to ever play the game." Bud Grant, former Minnesota Vikings head coach on Fran Tarkenton