

# Diego Maradona, 1960-2020

Diego Maradona, the Argentine soccer great who was one of the game's most gifted players, has died at the age of 60 after suffering a heart attack at his Buenos Aires home

■ **1960:** Born Oct 30 in Lanús, Buenos Aires province

■ **1970:** Joins **Los Cebollitas** under-14 team

■ **1976-81:** Plays for first division club **Argentinos Juniors**

■ **1981:** Signs for **Boca Juniors**, wins first division championship

■ **1982:** Joins **Barcelona** for world-record \$8 million

■ **1984:** Sold to **Napoli** for more than \$10 million. Elevates team to most successful era in its history

■ **1986:** Captains **Argentina** to victory at **World Cup** in Mexico. Scores two most famous goals – **Hand of God** and **Goal of Century** – in quarter-final against England

■ **1990:** Argentina knock host nation Italy out of **World Cup** but lose final against Germany



■ **1991:** Banned for 15 months after positive cocaine test

■ **1992:** Joins Spanish club **Sevilla**

■ **1993:** Returns to Argentina to play for **Newell's Old Boys**

■ **1994:** Expelled from World Cup in U.S. after failing drug test for ephedrine

■ **1995-97** Second stint at Boca Juniors

■ **1997:** Retires before his 37th birthday. Retirement plagued by several health issues due to cocaine habit and alcoholism. Suffers major heart attack in 2004

■ **2008-10:** Manager of Argentina, takes team to World Cup quarter-finals

■ **Nov 25, 2020:** Dies at age 60, three weeks after successful surgery on brain blood clot

