

Tony Sparano, Well-Traveled Coach in N.F.L., Is Dead at 56

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Tony Sparano, the offensive line coach for the Minnesota Vikings who was earlier head coach of the Miami Dolphins and the Oakland Raiders and offensive coordinator for the Jets in a journeyman's career, died on Sunday. He was 56.

The Vikings announced his death — just days before he was to report to the team's training camp in Eagan, Minn. — but did not specify a cause or say where he died.

ESPN reported that Sparano was about to leave for church with his wife, Jeanette, when she found him unconscious in the kitchen of their home in Eden Prairie, Minn., southwest of Minneapolis, adding that he had experienced chest pains last week and had gone to a hospital for tests before being released on Friday.

Sparano had been the Vikings' offensive line coach since 2016.

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