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DALLAS GREEN OBITUARY

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Dallas Green, the former MLB manager who led the Philadelphia Phillies to a World Series title in 1980, has died at the age of 82, according to multiple news sources.

His family told CBS News that he died Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, where he'd been receiving dialysis. He reportedly died because of complications of kidney failure and pneumonia. His death was confirmed by the Phillies.

"We mourn the passing of Dallas Green," the Phillies said in a statement. "The Phillies have lost a great man and a wonderful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

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Green was a pitcher who was signed out of the University of Delaware by the Phillies. He had a career record of 20-22 in the Majors. He played for the Phillies, Senators, and Mets.

After his playing career ended, he joined the Phillies front office. He was named manager of the Phillies in 1979. Green was known for his blunt personality and he clashed with many of his players, especially Greg Luzinski. Green once said, "I'm a screamer, a yeller, and a cusser. I never hold back."

Green got into a fist fight with Phillies reliever Ron Reed. Even with the difficulties, the Phillies won the 1980 World Series 4 games to 2 against the Kansas City Royals. It was the Phillies first championship.

After the 1981 season, Green was hired by the Chicago Cubs as their general manager. He helped build the 1984 Cubs team that lost to San Diego in the National League Championship Series. He also advocated for lights to be put in at historic Wrigley Field. The first night game ever at Wrigley was played under Green's watch in 1988.

Green became the manager of the New York Yankees in 1989 and was fired during August of that season by George Steinbrenner. He then managed the New York Mets from 1993 until 1996.

In 2011, Green's 9-year-old granddaughter, Christina Taylor-Green, was one of six people killed in the Tucson shooting that critically wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

"They say time heals," Green said in 2013. "Time, I don't think, will ever heal that part of my life. I still tear up when I see something that reminds me of Christina."

After his granddaughter's death, he became an advocate for gun control.