

Anne Donovan

Anne Theresa Donovan (November 1, 1961 – June 13, 2018) was an American women's basketball player and coach. From 2013 to 2015, she was the head coach of the [Connecticut Sun](#). She was born in [Ridgewood, New Jersey](#).

In her playing career, Donovan won two Olympic gold medals, and went to three Final Fours overall. She was honored in the [Basketball Hall of Fame](#) in 1995, and became a member of the [FIBA Hall of Fame](#) in 2015.

As a professional basketball coach, she guided the [Seattle Storm](#) to their first title in 2004, becoming the first woman to coach a [WNBA Championship](#) team (as well as the youngest person to coach a WNBA champion, at age 42).

After coaching the [Indiana Fever](#) and the [Charlotte Sting](#) earlier in her career, Donovan joined the [New York Liberty](#) as an assistant coach in the spring of 2009.

Donovan died on June 13, 2018 of [heart failure](#) at the age of 56.^[1]

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