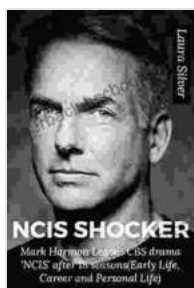


Mark Harmon Leaves CBS Drama NCIS After 18 Seasons: Early Life, Career, and Legacy

After 18 seasons, Mark Harmon is leaving the popular CBS drama NCIS. Harmon has played the lead role of Leroy Jethro Gibbs since the show's inception in 2003. The actor's departure is a major loss for the show, which has been one of CBS's most successful dramas in recent years.



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Harmon was born in Burbank, California, on September 2, 1951. He is the son of Tom Harmon, a football player and actor, and Elyse Knox, an actress. Harmon attended UCLA, where he played football and studied theater. After graduating from college, Harmon began his acting career with small roles in television shows and movies.

In 1983, Harmon landed the lead role in the NBC drama series *St. Elsewhere*. The show was a critical and commercial success, and Harmon received two Emmy Award nominations for his performance. After *St. Elsewhere* ended in 1988, Harmon starred in several other television shows, including *Reasonable Doubts* and *Chicago Hope*.

In 2003, Harmon joined the cast of *NCIS* as Leroy Jethro Gibbs, a former Marine sniper who is now a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Gibbs is a complex and enigmatic character, and Harmon has brought him to life with a combination of toughness and vulnerability. *NCIS* has been a huge success for Harmon and CBS, and the show has spawned two spin-offs, *NCIS: Los Angeles* and *NCIS: New Orleans*.

Harmon's decision to leave *NCIS* is a bittersweet one for fans of the show. However, after 18 seasons, it is understandable that Harmon would want to move on to other projects. He has left a lasting legacy on *NCIS*, and the show will continue to be one of CBS's most popular dramas for years to come.

Early Life

Mark Harmon was born in Burbank, California, on September 2, 1951. He is the son of Tom Harmon, a football player and actor, and Elyse Knox, an actress. Harmon's father was a star football player for the University of Michigan and the Los Angeles Rams. He also appeared in several films, including *Red River* (1948) and *The Longest Day* (1962).

Harmon's mother was an actress who appeared in over 50 films and television shows. She is best known for her roles in *The Thin Man* (1934)

and *The Great Gatsby* (1949). Harmon's parents divorced when he was young, and he was raised by his mother.

Harmon attended Harvard School for Boys in Los Angeles. He was a standout football player and was recruited to play for UCLA. However, Harmon decided to pursue a career in acting instead.

Career

Harmon began his acting career with small roles in television shows and movies. He made his film debut in the 1978 film *Comes a Horseman*. Harmon's first major role was in the 1983 NBC drama series *St. Elsewhere*. The show was a critical and commercial success, and Harmon received two Emmy Award nominations for his performance.

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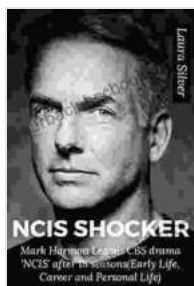
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Legacy

Mark Harmon is one of the most successful actors on television. He has starred in several successful shows, including *St. Elsewhere* and *NCIS*. Harmon has also received several awards for his work, including two Emmy Award nominations.

Harmon's legacy on NCIS is undeniable. He has played Leroy Jethro Gibbs for 18 seasons, and he has helped make the character one of the most iconic in television history. Gibbs is a complex and enigmatic character, and Harmon has brought him to life with a combination of toughness and vulnerability.

Harmon's departure from NCIS is a major loss for the show. However, he has left a lasting legacy on the show, and it will continue to be one of CBS's most popular dramas for years to come.



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