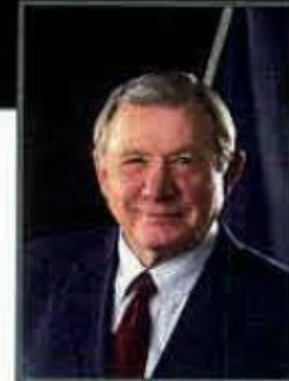


# Charley Johnson



Charles "Charley" Johnson, a former football star at New Mexico State University, played in the NFL for 15 years. A native of Big Spring, Texas, Johnson was named the starting quarterback for the Aggies in 1958, playing for Coach Warren Woodson.

His football career included two consecutive Sun Bowl victories and a perfect 11-0 season in 1960. During the three years Johnson was on the team, the Aggies recorded 23 wins and only nine losses. His jersey, No. 33, is the only number ever retired in more than 105 years of New Mexico State Football.

Johnson graduated from NMSU in the spring of 1961 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He went on to play quarterback for the St. Louis Cardinals, the Houston Oilers and the Denver Broncos.

While playing football and serving a brief stint in the US Army, Johnson earned his master's degree and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis.

After retiring from the NFL in 1975, Johnson helped start several firms and then started his company in 1981. Johnson Compression Services, which closed in 2003, sold and leased gas compressor systems to natural gas pipeline and processing companies in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Johnson returned to NMSU in 2000 to become the head of the Chemical Engineering Department.