

Ray Sherman
Wide Receivers Coach

Ray Sherman is a notable offensive coordinator and position coach in the NFL. He has coached for 36 seasons, including 22 impressive seasons in the NFL.

Sherman played wide receiver and defensive back at Fresno State from 1970-1973 and began his coaching career shortly after. For fourteen years, he climbed the college ranks, beginning as a graduate assistant at San Jose State in 1974. He went on to serve as a defensive backs coach at California (1975), tight ends coach at Michigan State (1976-77), running backs coach at Wake Forest (1978-80), running backs/slot backs coach at California (1981), running backs at Purdue (1982-1985) and wide receivers coach at Georgia (1986-87).

In 1988, Sherman made his NFL coaching debut with the Houston Oilers as the team's running back coach and returned the following year to coach the club's receivers. He then followed former Oilers coach Jerry Glanville to the Atlanta Falcons and spent one season as the assistant head coach/offense, improving the team's offense to 10th in the league from the bottom third the previous season.

He spent three seasons in San Francisco as the wide receivers coach from 1991-1993, helping Jerry Rice to one of his best seasons. In 1995, Sherman moved on to serve as the quarterbacks coach for the Minnesota Vikings, helping Warren Moon lead the league in various offensive categories. He further served as the offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh (1998), before returning to Minnesota as offensive coordinator in 1999, leading the Vikings to the third best total offense in the league.

Sherman later spent five seasons (2000-2004) as the wide receivers coach for the Green Bay Packers. Under Sherman, each receiver had stand-out seasons and, in 2002, the Packers led the league with 29 touchdown receptions. Sherman has also spent time as the wide receivers coach for the Tennessee Titans (2005-2006) and Dallas Cowboys (2007-2010).

Throughout his career, Sherman has had success mentoring rookies and young talent through his listening skills and ability to establish great relationships with players. While coaching in Green Bay, he successfully developed Javon Walker, Robert Ferguson and Donald Driver into one of the league's most dynamic receiver cores. Driver earned three trips to the Pro Bowl (2002, 2006 and 2007) and Ferguson earned one (in 2005). Driver and Walker combined for 2,590 yards in 2004, which was the second most in the NFL by a wide receiver tandem. Individually, Walker was third in the league with 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns.

In 2005, while coaching for Tennessee, Sherman's rookie receiver group consisting of Brandon Jones, Courtney Roby and Roydell Williams, along with rookie tight end Bo Scaife, became the first quartet of rookie pass catchers to each collect at least 20 receptions since 1968. His success mentoring players is exemplified by their on-field success; however, he is credited by serving as a great off-the-field mentor as well.

Sherman and his wife Yvette have two children, Erica and Alanna.