

This week could well be called Jim Nantz week. On April 5, 2021, the veteran CBS sportscaster will call the play by play of the NCAA championship game between Baylor and Gonzaga. This weekend, he will travel to Augusta, Georgia to broadcast the Masters Golf Tournament, which he has anchored since 1989. Anyone familiar with sports will know Jim Nantz. Few people will be aware that Mr. Nantz, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina is a Starnes descendant. Here is Jim Nantz' lineage:

Captain John Starnes

Catherine Starnes=John Wentz

Daniel Wentz=Mary Stillwell

James Monroe Wentz=Sarah Matilda Wentz¹

Bessie Cornelia Wentz=Jesse M. Trull

Bronze Holland Trull=Lula Presley

Doris Jean Trull=James William Nantz, Jr.

James William Nantz, III

Jim Nantz was born on May 17, 1959 in Charlotte, but grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana and Marlboro Township, New Jersey, where he attended Marlboro High School. He went to college at the University of Houston in Houston Texas, majoring in broadcasting and playing on the golf team. In 1985, Nantz joined CBS Sports. Since 1989, he has anchored CBS' coverage of the Masters Golf Tournament. In 1991 he became the announcer for NCAA Basketball's Final Four, originally teaming with former Wake Forest star Billy Packer. From 2004 to present, Nantz has been the play by play announcer for CBS' NFL broadcasts. He is currently teamed with Tony Romo for those broadcasts. In 2007 he called Super Bowl XLI, and was accidentally struck with the Lombardi Trophy during the presentation ceremony following the game.

¹ Sarah Matilda Wentz was the daughter of Jeremiah Wentz, who was a brother of Daniel Wentz. James Monroe Wentz and Sarah Matilda Wentz were first cousins.

He released his first book in 2008, *Always by My Side – A Father’s Grace and a Sports Journey Unlike Any Other*, with the forward written by President George H.W. Bush. Nantz is married and has three children.

James William Nantz, III has truly been the penultimate figure in sports television broadcasting for over 30 years. We are proud of his incredible accomplishments, and that he is a descendant of Revolutionary War hero, Captain John Starnes.

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