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Baseball great Steve Garvey was one of the most popular and successful players in Major League Baseball during the 1970s. Garvey was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1974 and went on to play in four World Series as first baseman with the Dodgers. He was voted to the All-Star team eight times as a Dodger, and was named the All-Star Game's Most Valuable Player twice, in 1974 and 1978. He and wife Cynthia Garvey, who had a very successful television career, became known as the "Barbie and Ken" of baseball because of their good looks and apparent perfect lifestyle. Marital infidelity plagued both of the Garveys, and the couple eventually divorced. Garvey completed his playing career with the San Diego Padres where he retired in 1987.

### Further Reading:

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