

Tampa's Lou Piniella 'needs to be home,' will retire after season

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CHICAGO - Chicago Cubs manager and Tampa native [Lou Piniella](#) is going to retire at the end of the season. **Piniella**, who managed Tampa Bay from 2003 to 2005, announced his decision Tuesday before a game against the Astros. The 66-year-old manager says he is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

"When I signed here four years ago I knew I had a short time on the horizon," he told TBO.com. "I knew even then that this was going to be it. After this year, it's over. My family needs me home, my friends need me home and I need to be home. That's it."

He says announcing his retirement now — just after the All-Star break — gives the team time to find a replacement.

Piniella is in the fourth and final year of his contract with the Cubs, who have struggled this year and have gone 102 years without a World Series title.

He has been a manager for more than 22 years. He led the New York Yankees (1986-88), Cincinnati Reds (1990-92), Seattle Mariners (1993-2002) and Tampa Bay (2003-05) before arriving in Chicago. He won the World Series as a manager with Cincinnati.

He was born in Tampa and played for [Jesuit High School](#) and the University of Tampa.

Tribune reporter Joe Henderson contributed to this report.