



MY LIFE AS A ROLLER DERBY QUEEN



By Judy Arnold

ROLLER DERBY CAME INTO MY life when I was 13 years old. I first saw a game on TV and then had an opportunity to go to a live game at the Armory in San Francisco five blocks from where I lived. When I saw the banked track and speed of the skaters, I wanted to give it a try, never dreaming I would someday become a professional roller derby skater. I trained for almost three years and when I was 16 the San Francisco Bay Bombers asked me to skate with their team professionally – what a thrill for me! Skating became the love of my life and took me all over the USA, to Puerto Rico, Santa Domingo and Japan. As a result of my popularity I appeared on many TV and radio talk shows and had the privilege to double in the skating scenes for Raquel Welch in the 1972 movie Kansas City Bomber.

It was during the making of the movie and working closely with movie stars that I realized being famous and having lots of money was not the answer to life. I was searching for love in all the wrong places, never knowing that what I was looking for was the One that gave His life so I could have life. Another skater told me about Jesus and I gave my heart and life to Him in 1973. His love was and is the best thing that ever happened to me and from that day until now my heart's desire is to know HIM and make HIM known.

In 1975, at the peak of my skating career, I retired to attend Bible College in California. After graduation, the Lord opened doors and I taught Physical Education at a Christian School for 7 years. At the same time I ministered in the LA County Jail for Women every week for over seven years.

In 1985, I began traveling throughout the United States, sharing what the Lord had done in my life. My burden has always been to see others set free and healed of things that hold them back from being all God created them to be. As an evangelist I have ministered in prisons and pulpits - preached in schools, Indian reservations, and on many street corners. I have traveled, to Belize, Mexico and Argentina, where I was used extensively in street evangelism. Along the way I have appeared on TV and radio, including the 700 Club, and PTL. Over the years I have skated into many churches and events in my Warrior uniform and immediately have everyone's attention. I tell them, "I am a real Holy Roller"! God has done so much in my life. I love sharing His great goodness and love.

With the resurgence of Women's Roller Derby and leagues exploding all over the country, and the world, I have the privilege of encouraging and mentoring the local Roller Girl teams.

I currently reside in Redding California, traveling and speaking on a regular basis.



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