



ROSE MARIE DINKINS

SCI Muncy
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STATUS

- Incarcerated in 1972 at the age of 24
- Rose has served 43 years of her life sentence
- Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

OBJECTIVE: Forty three years into my life without parole sentence, (the longest serving of the women in Pennsylvania), I plan on being a motivational speaker. I believe that I have proven through tenacity and resiliency I can help anyone to overcome their personal challenges.

WORK HISTORY:

Math Tutor, College Level, 1987

Infirmary Dental Assistant

Laundry – Dry cleaned staff uniforms

Maintenance: Car Wash

Garment Factory

Central Kitchen: Cook

Central Kitchen: Baker

Mental Health Unit

Unit Detail: Catering, Health & Nutrition

School Building: Janitorial Services

EDUCATION:

General Education Diploma, 1974

Cosmetology License, Empire Beauty School, 1976

Basic Sewing, 1977

Auto Mechanics, Basic Certificate, 1985, 86

Department of Education: Micro Computer, Typing and Shorthand, 1985

Bloomsburg University, complete 12 credits, 1987

Red Cross First Aid, 1988

PA Business Institute: Management and Paralegal, President's List: 1989-1990

Penn State University Paralegal Certificate, 1991

Vocational Education; MS Excel, MS Word, 1998

Bloomsburg University, "Women in Prison and Rehabilitation" course, 2015

Bucknell University: Women and Crime

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PROGRAMS:

Surviving and Thriving 1, 1992
Creative Non-violent Conflict Resolution, 1996
Life Plan Seminar, "Going For the Gold," 1996
Survivors Group, 1999
Grandmother's Support Group, 2000
House of Hope, 2008
Long Term Offenders, 2009; 2010-2015
Cage Your Rage, 1998

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Community First Step, President, 1974
Muncy Softball Team, 1977, 1985, 2001
Drama Workshop, 1979
PA Lifers Association:
 Vice President, 1974-75;
 Committee Chairperson 1983;
 Treasurer, 1984-85;
 Member, 1986;
 President, 1990; 1991
PA Jaycettes, 1984
Prison Run-a-thon participant and committee member:
 1986-88, 1992-93, 1998-99, 2001, 2003
Fashion Show Certificate, 1989
Weightlifting, 1989, 1996, 1999
Black History Month Committee, 1992-94
Toy Lift Committee Chairperson
Aerobics, 1995-97, 1999
Trendsetters, President, 1995; Treasurer, 1996
Wisconsin Cheese Committee Chairperson, 1996
Muncy Inmate Organization:
 Participation, 2000 to present
 Committees: Parole Seminar, Run-a-thon and Ernie Preate Panel, 2002
 President, 2007-08;
 Treasurer, 2001;
Fitness and Conditioning, 2003

AWARDS:

Scholarship: Voice Lessons, 1974-75
Women's Varsity Softball, Golden Gloves, 1986
Trendsetters, Unselfish Service, 1987
Talent Show, First Place in Large and Small Group:
 1990, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Muncy Graduation, Speaker for GPA Achievement

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SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Choir Director, 1972-79

Evangelistic Bible Study Series, 1989

New Believer Course, 2012

Baptized, 2012

THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

At the initial onset of my life sentence, I experienced personal difficulties in adjusting due to my rebelliousness and peer pressure handicaps. I was angrier with myself than with the system for allowing myself to cause death. As time progressed, I realized that I had to face the responsibility of self-improvement. The thrust towards this goal came to me in degrees; depending on the amount of hope I had at that particular time. Sometimes the weight of this sentence became too overwhelming and it was during these times that I would shut down emotionally.

As I became more active in the church, I realized the beginning of my change in attitude. I was able to tie in all of my experiences from the various programs, educational opportunities and athletic teams I had been participating in. I've learned through numerous self-help groups to accept full responsibility for the acts I performed. I continue to experience extreme remorse and sorrow. My participation in numerous therapy groups has proven to be a great asset to my personal reconstruction.

I am the longest life sentence serving women in Pennsylvania. I am in my 43rd year of confinement. When I arrived at Muncy, there were no fences. At one point, I was a part of the varsity softball team. We played teams from neighboring communities and we went to their towns to compete. As the director of the chorus, we performed in local churches. As a result, I learned to appreciate not only the value of my life, but the lives of others as well. After so many years of doing this time and living my life to the fullest, my health is not great. I hope to one day be able to take care of my mother who has sacrificed so much for me.

HOW WILL I ACCLIMATE MYSELF BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY?

My longtime friend and supporter throughout my incarceration is the artist Mary Dewitt. Mary has graciously extended her support to me when I am released with a place to live and a community of helpful friends

Rose, aka Roddie

Tile Mural by Mary Dewitt

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Philadelphia, PA

