

Betty Roberts





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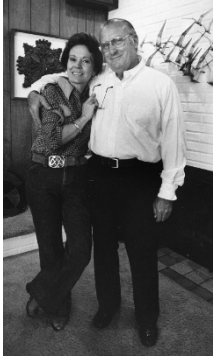

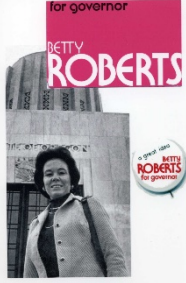

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01		<p>Betty Roberts at age three, 1926</p> <p>Born in 1923 in Arkansas City, Kansas. Moved to Wichita Falls, Texas at age 5 after her father lost the use of his arms and legs and became permanently disabled as a result of drinking bootleg liquor during prohibition.</p>
02		<p>Pearl Cantrell with three children, 1927</p> <p>Her mother, who had only a high school education, became the sole provider for their family of five. (Betty is pictured in the lower left.)</p>
03		<p>Cantrell Family on porch, 1927</p> <p>Father Murray, Mother Pearl, Sister Mary, and Brother Bob. Betty is on her mother's lap.</p>
04		<p>Bob, Betty, and Mary on porch, 1927</p>






<p>05</p>		<p>Pearl Cantrell with Betty and Mary, 1930s</p> <p>By now the Depression had set in. Her mother took in washing which she did on a scrub board and then boiled in a tub over a fire in the backyard. While this provided food for the family, she had no utilities, except water, and little money for clothes. As soon as Roosevelt's New Deal programs started, her mother worked in a WPA sewing room.</p>
<p>06</p>		<p>Betty Roberts in Texas, 1930s</p> <p>In Texas: Depression era and tom-boy days in the 1930's.</p>
<p>07</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 1941</p> <p>Betty graduated from high school in 1939 and went to Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth for one year where she worked in a department store to pay her tuition and expenses.</p>
<p>08</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Bill Rice, 1942</p> <p>In 1942 Betty married a soldier from Oregon, Bill Rice.</p>
<p>09</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with children, 1953</p> <p>After World War II, Betty and Bill moved to Oregon and had four children. Said Betty, "According to Betty Friedan, many women were restless and dissatisfied in the 1950s. So was I."</p>






<p>10</p>		<p>College graduation, 1958</p> <p>She returned to college at Eastern Oregon College for one year. Then graduated from Portland State College in 1958 with a degree in Education at age 35.</p>
<p>11</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with David Douglas, 1966</p> <p>Betty taught high school, and as a single parent, started night law school at Northwestern School of Law in 1962 when her oldest daughter started at Stanford University and the other three children were in middle school and high school.</p>
<p>12</p>		<p>Betty Roberts on House floor, 1967</p> <p>In 1964 she won election for State Representative where she served while completing law school. Between biennial legislative sessions, Betty continued to teach high school. In 1966 Betty received her law degree as one of two women in her graduating class.</p>
<p>13</p>	 <p><small>(AP) SALT, Ore. March 6—LAW SENATOR BETTY ROBERTS, D-Portland, reads her bill on the floor of the Senate today. Although that is her first term in the Senate she has become well-known because of her bill to remove restrictions on abortion and her advocacy. She was born on the date of 1925. (AP Wirephoto) (AP) SALT (Ore) Oregon 11/1969.</small></p>	<p>Betty Roberts on Senate floor, 1969</p> <p>In 1968 she won a seat in the State Senate. Pictured here on the Senate floor in 1969. Among the legislative work she is noted for is passage of Oregon's first legalized right to abortion, consumer protection legislation, Oregon's path-breaking environmental and land use legislation, including Oregon's bottle bill. She was a leader in women's rights issues of the 1970s and advocated for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Oregon and elsewhere in the West.</p>






14		<p>Betty Roberts and Keith Skelton, 1978</p> <p>In 1968 Betty marries lawyer and state representative Keith Skelton and combined their families.</p>
15		<p>The Roberts-Skelton clan in front of the State Capitol, 1971</p>
16		<p>Betty Roberts campaign leaflet Governor, 1974</p>
17		<p>Betty Roberts and unidentified man, 1974</p> <p>Campaigning for Governor in 1974.</p>






18		<p>Betty Roberts in her law office, 1974</p>
19		<p>Betty Roberts debates Bob Packwood, 1974</p> <p>Former US Senator Wayne Morse's death after the 1974 Democratic primary created a vacancy to which Betty was appointed by the Democratic Party. In this picture, Betty is shown debating US Senator Bob Packwood.</p>
20		<p>Betty Roberts with Bella Abzug, 1974</p> <p>Campaigning for US Senate with Congresswoman Bella Abzug [1995 Margaret Brent Award winner].</p>
21		<p>Betty Roberts with Lloyd Bentsen, 1974</p> <p>Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas campaigning with Betty in her race for US Senate. Although it was a close race, Bob Packwood was re-elected.</p>





<p>22</p>		<p>Betty Roberts teaching a class, 1975</p> <p>1975: Back in the classroom as a college professor in political science and business law</p>
<p>23</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 1977</p> <p>Back at the Legislature</p>
<p>24</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Governor Bob Straub and judges, 1977</p> <p>In 1977, the first woman appointed to the Oregon Court of Appeals, Judge Roberts is shown here with Governor Bob Straub and other new appointees to the Oregon Court of Appeals.</p>
<p>25</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Kathleen Bogan, 1977</p> <p>Shown here at the Oregon Court of Appeals with her law clerk Kathleen Bogan.</p>
<p>26</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Governor Vic Atiyeh, 1982</p> <p>Here she thanks Governor Victor Atiyeh for appointing her to the Oregon Supreme Court.</p>

27		<p>Betty Roberts with Arno Denecke, 1982</p> <p>Justice Roberts being sworn in as the first woman on the Oregon Supreme Court, February 1982.</p>
28	 <p>1981 DECORATIONS</p> <p>AND THIS ONE... AFTER 124 YEARS!</p> <p>SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR U.S. SUPREME COURT</p> <p>BETTY ROBERTS OREGON SUPREME COURT</p> <p>OREGONIAN DECEMBER 19, 1981</p>	<p><i>The Oregonian</i>, December 19, 1981</p>
29		<p>Betty Roberts with Jean Lewis and Helen Frye, 1982</p> <p>Following her swearing in, Justice Roberts with Jean Lewis, Oregon's first woman circuit court judge, and with Helen Frye, Oregon's first federal district court judge.</p>
30		<p>Betty Roberts with Mercedes Diez, 1982</p> <p>Same day, Justice Roberts with Judge Mercedes Deiz, Oregon's first woman judge of color.</p>
31		<p>Oregon Supreme Court justices, 1982</p> <p>Justice Roberts takes her place on the Oregon Supreme Court.</p>

<p>32</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 1984</p> <p>Justice Roberts at the Oregon Supreme Court.</p>
<p>33</p>		<p>Betty Roberts at University of Oregon, 1984</p> <p>While on the Supreme Court, Justice Roberts was the recipient of many awards. Shown here receiving the University of Oregon Distinguished Service Award.</p>
<p>34</p>		<p>Betty Roberts in her office, 2006</p> <p>After taking Senior Judge status, Judge Roberts began a new and satisfying career in mediation and arbitration.</p>
<p>35</p>		<p>Betty Roberts at St. Johns Parade, 2002</p> <p>Judge Roberts appears at a local parade during Marilyn Litzenberger's successful campaign for the Multnomah County bench.</p>
<p>36</p>		<p>Betty Roberts playing golf, 2002</p> <p>Never afraid to take a shot from a difficult spot, even when golfing.</p>

<p>37</p>		<p>Betty Roberts officiates a wedding, 2004 March</p> <p>Making international headlines, in March 2004 same-sex marriage was legalized in Multnomah County. Judge Roberts is shown here performing Oregon’s first same-sex marriage ceremonies.</p>
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<p>39</p>		<p>Brochure for “Oh What a Night,” 2004 March</p> <p>The Oregon Historical Society presents a program honoring the accomplishments of women in the historic 1970s State Legislature. A panel discussion with Norma Paulus, Gretchen Kafoury, Vera Katz and Betty Roberts focusing on their roles in eliminating sex discrimination in Oregon statutes, supporting the ERA, and promoting childcare and women’s health issues.</p>
<p>40</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Kristine Olson, 2004 May</p> <p>Judge Roberts receives the E.B. MacNaughton award from Kristine Olson, first woman US Attorney in Oregon, on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, for her work on behalf of reproductive freedom, women’s rights, freedom of expression and civil rights based on sexual orientation.</p>
<p>41</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Ann Aiken, 2005 March</p> <p>US District Court Judge, Ann Aiken, recipient of the Justice Betty Roberts Award, which is given annually to an individual who advances women in the law. Judge Aiken had been mentored by Judge Roberts since her student days when she first saw her advocating for women’s rights in the Oregon Senate.</p>

<p>42</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with unidentified woman, 2006</p> <p>Judge Roberts continues her mediation, and is currently working with attorneys on school funding litigation.</p>
<p>43</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 2006</p> <p>2006 ABA Margaret Brent Award recipient (Honolulu Hawaii)</p>
<p>44</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 2006</p> <p>Receiving Margaret Brent Award</p>
<p>45</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with unidentified woman, 2006</p> <p>Receiving Margaret Brent Award</p>
<p>46</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, 2006</p> <p>Margaret Brent Award (At right is Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Keynote Speaker)</p>

<p>47</p>		<p>Betty Roberts with children, 2006</p> <p>From left: Randy Rice, Dian Odell, Jo Rice, and John Rice)</p>
<p>48</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 2005</p> <p>She spends time with her extended family including 5 great grandchildren, and is nearing completion of her memoir, tentatively entitled, "With Grit and By Grace: The Unconventional Life of a 20th Century Woman."</p>
<p>49</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, circa 2005</p> <p>A formal portrait of Betty Roberts.</p>
<p>50</p>		<p>Betty Roberts, 2006 December</p>