

= Debra Marshall =

Debra Gale Marshall (born March 2 , 1960) (formerly McMichael and Williams) is an American actress , and retired professional wrestler , having also been a manager and authority figure (Lieutenant Commissioner) in professional wrestling . Well known by her ring name Debra , she is notable for her appearances with World Championship Wrestling (WCW) as Queen Debra between 1995 and 1998 and the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) as Debra between 1998 and 2002 . She began her career in professional wrestling in 1995 , accompanying her husband Steve " Mongo " McMichael to the ring in World Championship Wrestling (WCW) .

She joined the WWF in 1998 , where she managed the tag team of Jeff Jarrett and Owen Hart , until the evening of Hart 's in @-@ ring death in May 1999 . She won the WWF Women 's Championship from Sable in an Evening Gown match in 1999 . She later appeared on @-@ screen with her second husband Stone Cold Steve Austin until 2002 , when the duo left the company . Marshall has also attended the prestigious Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in New York . She recently graduated from the University of Alabama with honors (Cum Laude) and is currently pursuing her master 's degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama .

= = Early life = =

Raised in Tuscaloosa , Alabama , Marshall became a track @-@ runner , cheerleader , and Homecoming Queen in high school before attending the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute in New York . She then became a flight attendant . Before her involvement in wrestling , she competed and won the title of 1987 Mrs. Illinois America in Elgin , IL and went on to compete in the Mrs. America pageant that same year in Las Vegas , NV . She later competed and won in the 1992 Mrs. Texas USA pageant held in Houston , TX and went on to compete in the National Mrs. USA pageant . Marshall also attended the University of Alabama .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Championship Wrestling (1995 ? 1997) = = =

Marshall first appeared in WCW in late @-@ 1995 and early @-@ 1996 , making occasional unnamed appearances as an audience plant , and as part of a group of valets for the team of Hulk Hogan and " Macho Man " Randy Savage . In April 1996 , she began appearing regularly as a valet for her husband announcer Steve " Mongo " McMichael as he transitioned to competing as a wrestler . Based on her real @-@ life participation in beauty pageants , Debra took on the role of a beauty @-@ pageant queen character , giving herself the nickname " The Queen of WCW " and often making remarks about other wrestlers and valets in kayfabe interviews .

At The Great American Bash 1996 , Steve McMichael and his partner Kevin Greene competed against two of the The Four Horsemen (Ric Flair and Arn Anderson) . Flair won the match after Mongo and Debra turned on Greene by hitting him with a steel briefcase , joining the Horsemen . The briefcase later became one of Debra 's signature objects . At Bash at the Beach in July 1997 , Debra turned on Mongo during his WCW United States Heavyweight Championship match against Jeff Jarrett by handing Jarrett the steel briefcase , which he then used to knock Mongo out and thus to win the match . Next , Debra briefly managed Goldberg and Alex Wright . After her divorce from McMichael , Debra joined the WWF .

= = = World Wrestling Federation / Entertainment = = =

= = = = Manager of Jeff Jarrett ; Women 's Champion (1998 ? 1999) = = = =

In 1998 , Marshall rejoined Jarrett in the WWF . At the beginning of her WWF career , known simply as Debra , she played the part of a shrewd businesswoman , wearing business suits . She also played the part of Jarrett 's girlfriend . In late 1998 , Jarrett began a feud with Goldust that culminated in December at Rock Bottom : In Your House in a " Striptease match " . During the match , Debra hit Goldust over the head with Jarrett 's trademark guitar , enabling Jarrett to win . WWF Commissioner Shawn Michaels , however , disqualified Jarrett , and Debra had to strip due to the match 's stipulations . As she stripped , The Blue Blazer and Jarrett covered her up . Debra , however , began utilizing a new strategy during matches , distracting Jarrett 's opponents by unbuttoning her blouse . She would willingly take off her blouse to show the crowd her " puppies " , a nickname originally bestowed upon her chest by wrestler Road Dogg and later utilized by commentator Jerry Lawler .

The strategy helped Jarrett and partner Hart defeat The Big Boss Man and Ken Shamrock to become World Tag Team Champions in January 1999 . In February , Debra feuded with female professional wrestler Ivory , and Jarrett and Hart retained the tag title in a tag match against Ivory 's associates Mark Henry and D 'Lo Brown at St. Valentine 's Day Massacre . In March , the team lost their tag title to the team of Kane and X @-@ Pac . As Debra continued to manage Jarrett and Hart , a potential storyline developed where Hart and Debra would have an affair , but the creative team vetoed the idea before it played out on @-@ screen . A team name was also in the works ? Debra favoring " Talent and Attitude " (T & A) ? but Hart died in May 1999 at Over the Edge . Later in the event , Debra and Jarrett lost a mixed tag team match against Nicole Bass and Val Venis . Debra and Jarrett were interviewed moments after Hart 's fall from the rafters at Kemper Arena , where Debra was noticeably shaken and fighting back tears of concern for her friend , and was unable to stay in her persona .

On May 10 , 1999 , Debra won the Women 's Championship from Sable in an Evening Gown match . Usually , in an Evening Gown match , the woman who forcibly removes her opponent 's dress wins . Because Sable removed Debra 's dress , she therefore should have been the winner . Commissioner Shawn Michaels , however , ruled that he considered the woman who had lost her dress the winner , crowning Debra the new Women 's Champion . Debra lost the Women 's Title to Ivory on June 14 , due to interference from Nicole Bass .

At SummerSlam in 1999 Jarrett faced D 'Lo Brown . During the match , Debra and Brown 's former tag @-@ team partner Mark Henry interfered on Jarrett 's behalf , allowing him to win both the European Championship and the Intercontinental Championship . The following night , Jarrett awarded Henry the European title and gave Debra an assistant , Miss Kitty . At Unforgiven on September 26 , Debra turned on Jarrett and hit him over the head with a guitar in the middle of his match against Chyna for the Intercontinental Championship . Chyna pinned Jarrett , but referee Tom Prichard overturned the decision due to Debra 's involvement .

= = = = Sporadic appearances (1999 ? 2002) = = = =

Debra appeared sporadically thereafter , but she participated in an eight @-@ women Sudden Death match at Survivor Series in 1999 where she teamed with The Fabulous Moolah , Mae Young , and Tori . Debra stayed off television while her new husband Stone Cold Steve Austin recovered from neck surgery . She reappeared in April 2000 , acting as a guest ring announcer at Backlash . In the fall of that year she played the role of Lieutenant Commissioner , the assistant of Commissioner Mick Foley .

Meanwhile , the marriage became incorporated into on @-@ screen storylines , and on an episode of Raw , Stone Cold and Debra took on Matt Hardy and Lita . Debra and Lita fought outside the ring until Stone Cold pinned Hardy to win the match . She managed The Rock in 2001 and appeared sporadically thereafter , leaving the company in June 2002 with Austin .

= = Other media = =

Before becoming involved in wrestling , Marshall studied acting in Texas . Her first acting jobs

involved commercials and two music videos for country musician George Strait . She also had a small role in the 1994 film Texas Chainsaw Massacre : The Next Generation as a policewoman . The producers originally offered her the lead in the film , but when the director 's first choice changed her mind and accepted the role , Marshall was given the small role instead .

On March 10 , 2002 , Marshall appeared on an episode of The Weakest Link alongside several other members of the WWE roster . In addition , she has a role in the 2010 film Gathering of Heroes .

= = Personal life = =

Marshall 's marriage to National Football League alumnus and professional wrestler Steve McMichael lasted thirteen years . McMichael 's mother , whom Marshall met on an airplane , set up their first meeting as a blind date . They divorced on October 12 , 1998 .

Debra met Steve Williams , known on @-@ screen as Stone Cold Steve Austin , in 1998 ; they moved in together in 2000 . On September 13 of that year , they married at The Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas , and she changed her name to Debra Williams . On June 15 , 2002 , police responded to a call to the couple 's residence in San Antonio , Texas , and found Debra with bruises and a bloody nose . On August 14 , the authorities arrested Austin and charged him with misdemeanor assault . He pleaded no contest on November 25 and received a year 's probation , a \$ 1 @,@ 000 fine , and an order to carry out eighty hours of community service . Austin filed for divorce from Marshall on July 22 , 2002 , and the divorce was finalized on February 5 , 2003 . Marshall later auctioned her wedding ring off on eBay for \$ 27 @,@ 100 and donated a portion of the proceeds to " Safe Place " , an organization which assists the victims of domestic abuse .

In June and July 2007 , Marshall made several appearances to discuss the Chris Benoit double murder and suicide . She described steroids and drugs as the cause of Austin hitting her in June 2002 and suggested links between such substances and the death of Benoit and his family . She also alleged that Austin beat her three times .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing Moves

Slap

Wrestlers Managed

Alex Wright

Chyna

The Kat

Dean Malenko

D 'Lo Brown

Eddie Guerrero

Goldberg

Goldust

Jeff Jarrett

Owen Hart

Kevin Greene

Ric Flair

Arn Anderson

Steve McMichael

Stone Cold Steve Austin

The Rock

Assistants

The Kat

Nicknames

" Mrs. Rattlesnake "

" Puppies ! "

" Queen Debra "

" Queen Of The Puppies "

" The Queen Of WCW "

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI Manager of the Year (1999)

PWI Woman of the Year (1999)

World Wrestling Federation

WWF Women 's Championship (1 time)

= = Filmography = =

= = = Film = = =

= = = Television = = =