

= Rockin ' Robin ( wrestler ) =

Robin Denise Smith ( born October 9 , 1964 ) , better known by her ring name Rockin ' Robin , is an American former professional wrestler . As the daughter of Aurelian " Grizzly " Smith , she is a second @-@ generation wrestler . Her brother Sam Houston and half @-@ brother Jake " The Snake " Roberts are also wrestlers . Smith worked for the World Wrestling Federation ( WWF ) in the 1980s . She held the WWF Women 's Championship from October 1988 until it was retired in 1990 . She then worked on the independent circuit .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Wrestling Federation = = =

Smith grew up in a wrestling family and enjoyed going to wrestling shows , where she claims she and her siblings were treated like celebrities . Smith later decided to become a professional wrestler and trained , along with her sister @-@ in @-@ law Nickla Roberts ( known by her ring name Baby Doll ) , under Nelson Royal . During 1987 , Smith competed as Rockin ' Robin in Wild West Wrestling , where she feuded with Debbie Combs and Sue Green . When the WWF decided to restart their women 's division in the late 1980s , both women tried out for the company , but the role ultimately went to Smith . Smith , as Rockin ' Robin , debuted in the WWF in late 1987 . She competed at the first Survivor Series as a member of The Fabulous Moolah 's team . Throughout 1988 , she feuded with Sensational Sherri for the WWF Women 's Championship .

On October 7 , 1988 , she defeated Sensational Sherri , who had held the title for fifteen months prior , for the Women 's Championship in Paris . At the Royal Rumble in 1989 , she defended the title against Judy Martin . Smith defended the belt against Martin for the first six months of 1989 . In the meantime , at WrestleMania V , she sang " America the Beautiful " to open the show . Smith continued to defend the Women 's title against Martin throughout the summer of 1989 . She held the championship until 1990 , when she left the company . At that time , the title was retired by the WWF due to inactivity . Smith is still in possession of the title belt . The title remained inactive until 1993 .

= = = Independent circuit = = =

Unlike some former WWF wrestlers , Smith was able to continue using her ring name after leaving the company because she owned the rights to it . In 1990 , wrestler Hiro Matsuda , who had feuded with her father in the 1960s , picked Smith to tour for All Japan Women 's Pro Wrestling . In Japan , Smith teamed with Luna Vachon . The Japanese bookers gave the girls a positive review for their work with the company .

In the United States , Smith defeated Peggy Lee Leather for the Ladies Major League Wrestling 's International Championship . She still occasionally defended the WWF Women 's Championship , even though the title was officially declared vacant by the World Wrestling Federation . In May 1991 she defended the WWF Women 's Championship against " Japanese Women 's Champion " Madusa Miceli on a Great Lakes Wrestling Association event . On June 9 , 1991 , she defeated Candi Devine in Herb Abrams 's Universal Wrestling Federation to become the first UWF Women 's Champion at UWF Beach Brawl . She also competed in the Ladies Professional Wrestling Association ( LPWA ) , forming a tag team with Wendi Richter . She competed at LPWA 's only pay @-@ per @-@ view , LPWA Super Ladies Showdown .

= = Personal life = =

Smith and her brother Sam Houston are the children of Aurelian " Grizzly " Smith and were born after his first marriage dissolved . Her half @-@ brother is Jake " The Snake " Roberts , who was born during their father 's first marriage . Robin and her brothers all wrestled in the WWF at the

same time in the 1980s , but their relationship was never mentioned on @-@ screen at the request of Robin . Author and former National Wrestling Alliance president Howard Brody alleges in his book Swimming with Piranhas that Robin was a victim of sexual abuse at the hands of her father . According to Brody , Robin was removed from her father 's care when her mother discovered what had been happening .

After leaving the WWF in 1990 , Smith was married to a man named Harvey Zitron . Zitron was sentenced to 81 months in federal prison for 10 counts of filing false tax returns , identity theft and access device fraud . After divorcing , she moved to Louisiana and opened a telemarketing company that sold industrial chemicals and precious metals . Later , she opened a real estate appraisal business . During this time , Smith had a drinking problem but eventually was able to quit altogether .

In 2005 , Smith 's home and all of her belongings were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina . During the aftermath of the hurricane , she stayed with family in Baton Rouge , Louisiana . She now runs a real estate appraisal business in Hammond , Louisiana .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Bulldog

Signature moves

Crossbody , sometimes from the top rope

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Cauliflower Alley Club

Women 's Wrestling Award ( 2011 )

Great Lakes Wrestling Association

GLWA Women 's Championship ( 1 time , first )

Ladies Major League Wrestling

LMLW International Championship ( 1 time )

Universal Wrestling Federation

UWF Women 's World Championship ( 1 time )

World Wrestling Federation

WWF Women 's Championship ( 1 time )