

= Terri Runnels =

Terri Lynne Boatright Runnels ( born October 5 , 1966 ) is a retired professional wrestling manager , television host , and occasional professional wrestler . Runnels began her professional wrestling career in World Championship Wrestling ( WCW ) as Miss Alexandra York , manager of The York Foundation . She later joined the World Wrestling Federation ( WWF ) , later renamed World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) , where she worked for eight years .

In the early years of her career with the WWF , she managed her ( then ) real @-@ life husband Dustin Runnels ( known on @-@ screen as Goldust ) and was a member of the Pretty Mean Sisters alliance . She also managed both The Hardy Boyz and Edge and Christian following the Terri Invitational Tournament in 1999 . Subsequently , she had an on @-@ screen rivalry with The Kat , managed The Radicalz stable , and worked as a host and interviewer . During her time with the WWF / E , she briefly held the Hardcore Championship , her only championship during her career . After leaving the wrestling business , Runnels became involved in philanthropic work .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Championship Wrestling ( 1988 ? 1991 ) = = =

Runnels was originally a make @-@ up artist for CNN from 1985 to 1991 , where she worked on Larry King 's make @-@ up . On the weekends , she did makeup for the wrestlers of Jim Crockett Promotions ( JCP ) . When the company was purchased by Ted Turner in 1988 and renamed World Championship Wrestling ( WCW ) , she moved to Atlanta and continued doing make @-@ up for some of the wrestlers . Booker Ole Anderson eventually asked her to become part of the roster as a manager . Runnels debuted in 1990 as Alexandra York , a laptop @-@ carrying accountant who led an alliance known as the York Foundation , a group of wrestlers with finance @-@ themed gimmicks . The York character was created over a lunch with Tony Schiavone , one of WCW 's announcers . She worked at WCW for two years .

= = = World Wrestling Federation / Entertainment = = =

= = = = Managing Goldust ( 1996 ? 1998 ) = = = =

Runnels debuted in the World Wrestling Federation at the Royal Rumble in 1996 as Marlana , a character modeled after Marlene Dietrich . She debuted as a coolly unconcerned and indifferent manager . With her cigar @-@ smoking , seductive , nonchalant and mysterious gimmick , she acted as the manager of her then real @-@ life husband Dustin , who was wrestling under the gimmick of Goldust . The cigar @-@ smoking aspect of the character came about because Runnels enjoyed smoking them in real life . The risque characters helped bring about The Attitude Era of the late @-@ 1990s and the Diva division . During a feud between Goldust and Triple H over the Intercontinental Championship , on February 16 , 1997 at In Your House 13 : Final Four , Marlana was choked by Chyna , who debuted as a plant from a ringside seat and later became the bodyguard for Triple H. Later , Brian Pillman feuded with Goldust over Marlana . As part of the angle , Pillman won Marlana in a match and sent Goldust a picture of her handcuffed in a bed . Pillman , however , died in the middle of the storyline . Originally , the plan was to have the rivalry culminate in an on @-@ air wedding where Marlana would leave Goldust for Pillman . After the Marlana @-@ Goldust alliance dissolved , Goldust revealed Luna Vachon as his new manager .

= = = = Pretty Mean Sisters ( 1998 ? 1999 ) = = = =

Runnels later re @-@ emerged in 1998 , under her real name , as the on @-@ screen girlfriend of

Val Venis . When Runnels claimed to be pregnant with Venis 's baby , he dumped her . She later joined forces with Jacqueline Moore , who had just ended her alliance with Marc Mero , to form the Pretty Mean Sisters ( P.M.S. ) . They later formed an alliance with D 'Lo Brown and Mark Henry , accompanying them to the ring for a match against Venis and The Godfather in December at Rock Bottom : In Your House . In January , Runnels claimed to have suffered a miscarriage after she was knocked off the ring apron by Brown . Weeks later , Brown discovered that Runnels had never been pregnant . P.M.S. gained a " love slave " named Meat in May , whom Runnels controlled using sex . As a part of the storyline , P.M.S. used Meat for his body , forcing him to have sex with them . The alliance , however , broke up by July , when Jacqueline Moore became frustrated with Runnels ' infatuation with Meat .

= = = Various storylines ( 1999 ? 2001 ) = = =

In late 1999 , Runnels arranged the Terri Invitational Tournament , a best @-@ of @-@ five series , between Edge and Christian and The Hardy Boyz , with the winner receiving her managerial services and the sum of \$ 100 @,@ 000 . The Hardy Boyz won the tournament , which culminated in a ladder match at No Mercy ( with the prize money suspended above the ring in a bag ) . Runnels spent the next few months as their manager until she was injured when Bubba Ray Dudley powerbombed her through a table . She returned on February 27 at No Way Out and cost the Hardy Boyz a match . She then became the manager of Edge and Christian , and the storyline originally called for her to come between the duo , resulting in them becoming singles wrestlers with Runnels managing Christian . The storyline , however , was rewritten , and on an episode of SmackDown ! , Edge and Christian ? who would now continue wrestling as a tag team ? revealed they no longer wanted Runnels 's services . She , therefore , slapped Edge , who responded by spearing her .

Runnels began a rivalry with The Kat , and at WrestleMania 2000 , Runnels ( accompanied by The Fabulous Moolah ) defeated The Kat ( with Mae Young ) in a catfight . Val Venis was the Special Guest Referee , but was distracted when Young kissed him in response to Venis making out with both Runnels and The Kat . This distraction allowed Moolah to pull The Kat out of the ring , and when Venis saw her out of the ring , he declared Runnels the winner . Post @-@ match , The Kat attacked Runnels by stripping her black body suit off to expose her nude colored thong . The rivalry continued in an arm wrestling match at Insurrextion . They later participated in a " Stink Face match " at SummerSlam , which The Kat won by first performing the move on Runnels .

Runnels later became the onscreen girlfriend and manager of Perry Saturn , who was a member of The Radicalz alliance . She accompanied Saturn to the ring at Fully Loaded in July 2000 , where Saturn defeated Eddie Guerrero for the European Championship . Saturn , Runnels , and Radicalz member Dean Malenko also had a series of matches with Team Xtreme ( The Hardy Boyz and Lita ) . The on @-@ screen partnership lasted until Saturn , who had hit his head during a match , opted to continue seeing " Moppy " ( a mop he believed was alive ) instead of Runnels . As a result , she then became the manager of Raven , a member of The Alliance , who stole Saturn 's mop and fed it into a woodchipper .

= = = WWE host and departure ( 2001 ? 2004 ) = = =

In late @-@ 2001 , Terri replaced Trish Stratus as the host of the WWF recap program Excess . She briefly feuded with Stratus , resulting in a wet T @-@ shirt contest between the two on Raw . During this time , she also became the backstage interviewer on Raw and began to wrestle occasionally . On May 27 , 2002 , she briefly held the perpetually contested Hardcore Championship when she pinned a dazed Stevie Richards , though he immediately pinned her to regain the title .

After eight years with the company , in March 2004 , Runnels was released from WWE prior to a massive firing spree . In an April 2015 interview with Vince Russo , Runnels stated that she was flown up on April 1 , 2004 to the WWE offices for a meeting with WWE executives Kevin Dunn and John Laurinaitis where she was told that they were parting ways with her ; the reason she was told that she was flown up was because that the WWE respected her . After leaving the company ,

Runnels spent time traveling the world .

=== Part @-@ time appearances ( 2016 ) ===

Terri appeared at the WWE Hall of Fame ceremony , for Big Boss Man and Jacqueline 's induction in the 2016 class , and could be seen sitting in the audience , while Jacqueline acknowledged her as well as other divas for her success . WWE.com also conducted an interview with Terri later that night .

== Post @-@ wrestling ==

After leaving the wrestling business , she began working with various charities , including the Make @-@ a @-@ Wish Foundation , Big Brothers Big Sisters of America , Boys & Girls Clubs of America , Children 's Miracle Network , and Hermie & Elliott Sadler Foundation and Fit Kids Marathon . In 2008 , she began a contest , " Make the World Write " , where the contestants wrote about how they would make the world a better place .

== Other media ==

Runnels has appeared in three WWE video games . She made her in @-@ game debut at WWF WrestleMania 2000 and appears in WWF No Mercy and WWE Raw 2 .

== Personal life ==

Boatright grew up in Florida . She grew up as a Southern Baptist , but later became non @-@ denominational .

She dated Brian Pillman in 1990 while they were both in WCW . In 1993 , she married Dustin Runnels , whom she met while they were both working for WCW , taking his last name as her own . They have a daughter , Dakota , who was born in 1994 . Dustin Runnels ' strained relationship with his father Dusty Rhodes caused problems in their marriage , and Terri alleges that Dusty spread rumors about her that included infidelity and gold @-@ digging . The couple divorced in 1999 after six years of marriage . Years after the divorce , they were able to have a " better relationship " .

She was briefly married again in 2002 to a life coach , whom she met when her mother convinced her to hire him . They dated for two weeks before he proposed ; they were married six months later , and the marriage ended two months after that . At the wedding , Ray Traylor ( also known as Big Boss Man ) , her friend and traveling partner , gave her away . In 2003 , she began a relationship with Tyree Clowe , a US soldier 15 years her junior . The couple remained together for over 5 years .

Terri began dating former professional wrestler New Jack in 2009 . Jack professed his love for her in an interview with host Fat Man After Dark on the Future Endeavors wrestling radio show and described some of the pitfalls , even today , of a mixed race relationship . As of July 2011 , the couple is no longer together .

In August 2011 , a Florida judge ordered Jack to stop selling nude photographs of Runnels . Runnels filed suit accusing Jack of making libelous comments about her and requested that a court ban him from distributing sexually explicit photographs of her . Jack said that he took the photos , that they belonged to him and he should be free to pass them on to whoever he pleases . A judge in Sanford , Fla . , temporarily banned Jack from distributing photographs of Runnels ahead of a hearing .

During her tenure in the WWF , Runnels appeared on the show The Weakest Link in 2002 as part of a charity show where all the contestants were WWF personalities . On the show , she played for the Ronald McDonald House charity , which houses parents of hospitalized children for reduced or no cost . Runnels was the fourth contestant voted out of the game .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Diving crossbody

Frankensteiner

Signature moves

Bronco buster

Low blow

Standing hair pull

Stink Face

Slap

Bulldog

Wrestlers managed

Nicknames

" She Devil "

Entrance themes

" Pretty Mean Sisters " by Jim Johnston

" Rings Of Saturn " by Jim Johnston

" Electron " by Jim Johnston

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

World Wrestling Federation / Entertainment

WWE Hardcore Championship ( 1 time )

Slammy Award ( 1 time )

Best Couple ( 1997 ) ? with Goldust