

Barbara Robinson



I am Barbara Haney Robinson from Sumner, Ms. I had polio at age 5 and had approximately 20 surgeries throughout the next 12 years on back/hip/legs/arm. I have always had to walk with a long leg brace and corrective shoes with lift. I missed a lot of school during those 12 years but was fortunate enough to have teachers that let me do work from home at times so I was able to graduate high school with my class.

I married at age 18 and had our only child, Heather, the next year. I was told never to attempt to have a child but the Good Lord blessed us, even though it was a rough pregnancy. She was born early at only 4 pounds. She is now 30 years old and married and has 2 children. The light of my life..... and being a GAN is something you can never imagine till you see them. I know most of you ladies here know all about that. :):)

My husband and I have been married for 31 years this month. I took some college courses and also worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for our county school system for 15 years before I started having more weakness/pain and quit work and applied for my disability after being diagnosed with PPS from a doctor in Warm Springs, Ga.

I am very limited in my walking now and I use a jazzy p/c mostly when I am in the house (after learning the hard way with several cracked and broken bones) and I have a scooter and lift on my car that still gives me a satisfaction of being somewhat independent. My right side was paralyzed since polio and I have some movement in fingers following several surgeries on arm and hand when I was in Jr. High School.

I have very limited movement in right leg but luckily (with many surgeries on leg and foot and hip) it is enough I have been able to put weight on it enough to take steps throughout my life. My left side is the one that PPS had robbed me of..... plus a stroke that I lost upper muscle in good (left) leg and now a 3 inch step might as well be 12 inches to me now. That has been a very big change in my life..... limiting my visiting friends and family.

My left arm is getting very weak and I guess this is my biggest fear..... not being able to do anything for myself if I lose complete use of it and giving up driving my car. I can no longer reach in up in cabinets and have to prop arm on something to brush my hair, etc.....

I have attended 2 Branson Reunions and plan on being there next year if anyway possible. Sorry this was so long but I get long winded at times; even with one lung. LOL

A big thanks to each of you involved with keeping this group alive and kicking even tho I seldom post to the group.

