



# CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

be yourself



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### MY STORY

I was born at the end of an era when people believed and taught that it was better to be someone you are not than to be your authentic self. I was fortunate to have a few older precious friends who could show me the way.

### MY MANTRA

The second female Pharaoh of ancient Egypt, Hatshepsut, changed my life. Some scholars suggest she could have been the first documented transgender figure in history. She reigned over Egypt for 20 years during the 14th dynasty. Her mantra was "Ma'at-ka-Ra," which translates to "Order, Justice, and Harmony." It's a mantra I try to follow.

### A SPECIAL MEMORY

In 1997, I participated in the Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. AIDS bike ride, which was created to raise awareness and money during the early stages of the AIDS epidemic. This was also the time when I met my wonderful husband, Robert. This was one of the most fulfilling times of my life!