



## MEET CROSBY

Crosby Rowe, My Transition Funding Founder and President, transitioned later in life. Crosby completed her physical transition and decided to form My Transition Funding. She is living a dynamic life in Oregon, where she is devoting her life to transgender progress, yoga, family and friends and her miniature long-haired dachshund Sayra.

[During her surgical transition period, Crosby wrote the following to friends and acquaintances who did not yet know her story:](#)

I have known, virtually my entire life, that I was a female trapped in a male body. The term, not known to me at the time was transgender. I am a transgender woman.

I didn't know what to think or do about it and lived as a young person according to my assigned gender. Daunted by the era and social/family environments that I grew up in and my own fears, sharing this fact about me did not seem possible at the time. I told no one. There were consequences that flowed from this: difficulties letting people get close to me, depression and other disorders.

The highlight of my life was meeting my spouse. We created a beautiful family of three boys, now men, and live a blessed life. We were lucky in life. But there was still something in my relationships, even the most important ones, that I was leaving out. But the fears (real and imagined) of sharing my secret had a strong grip on me and I remained silent. It wasn't until the past several years that grip of my secret weakened, as the strength of the need to be myself grew and the consequences of not doing so became more severe. I came out to my dear wife spouse as a transgender woman and subsequently to our three sons and my mom, brother and sister. I shared with them that virtually my entire life, I knew I was a female in a male body. I had already started hormone therapy to begin a physical transition from male to female, but made a decision to proceed with sex reassignment surgery (SRS). Decisions of course have consequences. Many of you know that at the time of our last reunion, my wife and I had separated by mutual decision. And we are in the final stages of our divorce. We are still mutually supportive of each other in many ways. Our three sons, all grown young men, have each been supportive in their own ways. There are other people close to me in my life who will not accept me as a woman, but it is my hope they will some day. I know it's different for everybody and I understand and respect that. I've adopted a new name as part of this process. Under the laws of the State of Oregon, where I live, and the U.S. I am considered female.