

Trail Blazer

(Sarah Palin biography) by Lorenzo Benet (2009)

She was born 11Feb1964 in Sandpoint, ID. Her dad was a science teacher & moved to Skagway, AK for better pay (in spite of the recent earthquake). Skagway is the gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush National Park. It had 10,000 people in 1890's, but 70 years later there were 800. They moved to Wasilla (north of Anchorage) in '69. It is the gateway to the Denali National Park.

Her parents are Chuck & Sally Heath and he loved hunting & fishing since it is a way of life in AK (anything shipped in is expensive). Sarah, like her mom, can light up a room when she walks in. And she gets her competitive-athletic traits from her dad. She won a state basketball championship in high school. She attended different colleges, but graduated from university of Idaho. She worked as a sports broadcaster for awhile.

29Aug88 she married Todd Palin & had five kids. Todd is a commercial fisherman in the summers. But he got a job on the north shore for British Petroleum. He won the Iron Dog race (1971 mile snowmobile race) in '95, '00, '02 & more.

She was a stay-at-home mom, & involved in PTA & her kids sports. She was elected to city council in both '92 & '99. She was elected as mayor in '96. She hired a lobbyist who found \$27 million Federal earmarks for her small town. '01 she was asked to run for lieutenant governor, but lost. '06 she was elected governor & they moved to the governor's mansion in Juneau. 2008 she was asked to be John McCain's vice president candidate, but lost.

In 2000 they built a 3500 square foot home on Lake Lucille with a dock for his 1958 Piper float plane. They enjoy the outdoors & loyalty is vital to them. She is a conservative Christian. She made her share of mistakes, but she relates to the public very well.

Quotes: "I want to remind you we hear from a vocal minority, & we represent a silent majority who had elected us." (SP) "Seek what it is you are created to do." (SP)