



# Bike MS Champion Living with MS



## Merrilee Tibolla

- 1. When were you diagnosed with MS?** March 30, 2000
- 2. How were you diagnosed with MS?**

In January of 1999, I hit my head and received a mild concussion. I started losing feeling and mobility on the right side of my body. I ended up getting an MRI and they said it is Lymes disease or MS. I got better and was able to do a lot of things again. I met my husband and we decided to get married so I went on birth control and my symptoms came back. A year later i had another MRI and they were able to diagnose me at that point.
- 3. How does MS affect your daily life?**

MS affects my life in many ways. It is hard to keep up with my energetic boys especially when it is hot outside. MS has changed my life by making me more compassionate to others.
- 4. Why is Bike MS important to you?**

Bike MS is such a wonderful event for so many people to work towards, receive assistance and create a great support system.
- 5. What's your message to cyclists?** Thank you for all you do to benefit so many people! You Rock!
- 6. What is your proudest moment?**

My proudest moments are when I see my kids accomplish a task that they worked hard for.
- 7. What is your favorite movie?**

Wow. There are so many. I think one that will always make me smile and has a lot of family memories for me is Princess Bride.
- 8. What's on your iPod or what is your favorite band?**

I have a lot of games on my iPod. I love music from the 80's.
- 9. What's the single thing you can't live without?** My family.
- 10. What are your hobbies/pastimes:**

There are a lot of things I like to do. I like to make greeting cards for people, read many types of books, and doing things for others.
- 11. What do most people not know about you?** I love frogs!!!!
- 12. Who is your hero?** Jesus Christ is my hero. He is perfect in every way.
- 13. Identifier- when a cyclists decides the he/she would like to ride for you, they will ride with an identifier or something that represents you (i.e. stuffed animal, temporary tattoo, flag):**

Frogs