

- Lets start from the beginning. You was born in October 18, 1993 in Adamsville in Alabama, tell us about your childhood ?

I've faced a lot of challenges in my life, even when I was first born. I was premature, weighing 3lbs. I was suppose to be born on Christmas, but I guess I was just ready for the world. The doctor told my mom due to me being premature, I would have learning disabilities and maybe some mental did disabilities. But with Faith and a strong mother who cared about me, she made sure I did not lack anything.

I was born in Birmingham, Alabama. I grew up taking on challenges, because I always felt like I could do anything, and nothing was impossible with God.

- Your family was already in the basketball, your dad, uncle, cousin, your passion for this sport comes from there ?

I've always had the passion for it, but I think being around my family was confirmation that I could pursue basketball. They are all very supportive and competitive.

Everyone in my family loved basketball. My Dad and cousins use to take me to the And1 games, my Uncle Mike Anderson coached at the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) at the time, and I went to all the games, and I always had some type of ball in my hand, but basketball was just so special to me. So, I started taking basketball serious at the age of 6. Since then, I worked hard to get a college scholarship at Troy University.

- What were your dreams when you were a child ?

My dream has always been to play basketball overseas, be a wife, and a mother. As of now, I'm living my dream. As I got older, my dreams extended. My husband and I are working towards building our own basketball training facility. This is my dream now. It will provide a place for our athletes, and my daughter will have a place of her own to train.

- In high school, you played for Minor, do you have memories of those years ?

In high school, everyone knew me as the basketball player. I was always top in my class for good grades. I never got in trouble, and I was always helpful. I was Class President my senior year. The best part of high school, was playing travel basketball (AAU). I got to travel almost every weekend to different States and lay some of the top players in the country. This motivated me to want to be better.

- After that, you grew up as a basketball player for Troy University, was it an important step for you ?

I was not highly recruited in high school because of my size. I was very little in weight, but very athletic. Troy gave me a chance and I promised myself that when we played all the big time schools, I would make sure they knew that I've been working, and size was not a matter. While being at Troy, I got a trainer, my husband, but friend at the time. We worked literally 18 hrs a day on basketball. I credit him so much, because he's sacrificed so much to help me, even a contract to go play overseas. He's truly my support system. I wouldn't be who I am today without him.

I accomplished winning the first Division 1 championship there in 2016. I also hold the record for All-Time leading Scorer in Division 1 history, All-Time Steals leader, All-Time Freethrows Made, and All-time for freethrow percentage. I became an All-American, nominated for Woman of the Year, and played in the NCAA Tournament.

- What's your best memory of these 3 years ?

My best memories were with my best friend Marie. Playing with her was so much fun, but off the court was the best time. I am a Christian, and being able to speak about my beliefs, what I'm going through, and being able to be myself made me feel at home. She always had a heart to give and listen whenever I needed. It's not easy being in a country where you don't speak the language, so having her was a blessing. We still talk today. I love her.

- Then you decided to go to Israël in 2016, you played for Hapoel Rishon and Petah Tikva this season, why did you choose this country ?

Israel had WNBA players in their league. I wanted to play against top competition. Playing in the WNBA, was one of my goals. I actually spoke with Seattle Storms coaches at a Combine in Indianapolis after playing in the NCAA Tournament in 2016. At the time, I tried to make sure that they knew I could be a point guard, but when I spoke with them, they said they wanted to see me score more. I decided to go play in Israel so that I could have proof that I could score against WNBA players: Jasmine Thomas, Crystal Bradford, Tayler Hill, Danielle Adams, and Tiffany Hayes just to name a few players.

- The first season far from the US was a good experience for you ?

It was one of the best experiences ever. I got to build a better relationship with God, be that example for my younger siblings to show them that they can live their dreams, and to travel to Israel of all places the first year made me feel like I was closer to God.

- After you played for a club in France which was Limoges ABC. You discovered Roanne in 2018, what were your goals at this moment ?

I knew that Olivier was a good coach, and that he would make me a better player, rather than just allow me to play with no structure or intentions of becoming a better player, playing at a higher level. He has definitely done that. I really appreciate it, because I want to continue to move up in my career. I know I am a good player, but I'm a better player when I can get my teammates involved. That's what wins championships. It takes the whole team.

- How did you feel during this first season with the RBF ?

I felt like we had a great team with experience. I think we didn't accomplish our goals, because we allowed ourselves to get in the way of our goals and we did not know how to communicate with each other.

- The 2019-2020 season was stopped because of the COVID, you had to go back to the US, and you said to « Parlons Sports Magazine » that it was a heartbreak for you, why ?

This season, I felt like we had a great team. We were just catching a rhythm of winning, and personally, I thought I was playing very well. To hear that we had to stop playing due to the virus, made me sad, but I'm always happy to see my family in the States, so I said to myself, next year will be the year for us.

- Your life as taken on another dimension in december 2020 when you became a mom, can you describe us, how you felt when you saw Lov for the first time?

My goodness is all I could say. My heart was so full of love that I didn't know what to do. Immediately, I just wanted to hold her all night and tell her that I've waited so long for her to come. She was so beautiful and calm, just like she is now. She brightens up a room with her smile. She makes me feel like I did something right. She's so beautiful to me, and I'm so happy that I got to bring her to France with me. I know I would be miserable without her. She makes me a better person. All I want to do is teach her how to love herself, others, and God. Love conquers everything.

- Your husband still at home now but he will come to Roanne soon, which role his he playing in your life ?

He is the best husband I could ever ask for. He works his butt off to make sure our business, LovHandlez, stays on top. He has been nothing but supportive for my basketball career, but I know now he misses to his daughter more than anything. I can't wait for him to see her during the break, and it makes me happy that he won't miss her first birthday 20 December. I love him so much. I can't wait to introduce him to everyone.

- With Aaron, you are the owners of a basketball academy, Lov Handlez, why did you create it?

We created LovHandlez to expose the youth to high quality basketball. In our area, kids only think about being better than the kids in their area, not realizing that there's someone in another state or country that's more skilled or better than them. We stress the importance of dribbling because even if you are a good shooter, if a defender plays good defense on you, you need to know how to attack the basket and create plays for you or your teammates. We have over 500 kids that we've worked with. Our goal this to build our own basketball facility so that time will not be a reason why the kids can't workout. Once we get our building built, we will work 24hrs a day.

- What's your goals for these young players?

Our goal is to create young athletes who can perform at a high level. They will be complete players, and also good people as well.

***- This season is starting in the best way with 8 victories in the row, how do you feel personally ?
And what do you think about the group?***

It feels so good to return to Roanne with a great team filled with energy. No one is selfish and we all have the same goals. We communicate with each other, we encourage one another, and we go hard, because we know that winning a championship will take the strongest people to accomplish it. I love this team.

- To finish, what's your goal for the Pink Ladies this season ?

Simply to win a championship and move up to LF2. To me, this would be nothing but God's work for me, because coming back from having a baby says that I never gave up and came back better than I was before... STRONGER!