

Interview Questions for Lucimarian Roberts/Robin Roberts
Authors of
My Story, My Song: Mother-Daughter Reflections on Life and Faith

Good Morning America viewers marveled at my mother's strength and grace after the passing of my beloved father in 2004. Folks are drawn to Mom's humility, wisdom, and spirituality. Countless times I've been told, "Your mother should write a book." Well, just like the beautiful hymns I have been blessed to hear Mom sing . . . this is her story.

- Mrs. Roberts, did you ever think so many people would be interested in the stories of your 87 years of life?
- What sparked your decision to pen this book?
- Mother/daughter relationships are notoriously challenging. How has your relationship with Robin mellowed through the years?
- What advice do you have for the mothers of teenage daughters today? Can they hope for a friendship such as the two of you share?
- Mrs. Roberts, you were a child during the Great Depression. How did music, specifically hymns, expand your life during those difficult years?
- Music has been a powerful spiritual influence for you, Mrs. Roberts. How does it continue to enrich your life now? Robin, how has your mother's music impacted your own life?
- You also grew up during the years of racial segregation in the U.S. How did you and your family maintain personal dignity during that time?
- Since you were the first member of your family ever to attend college, what did that scholarship to Howard University mean for you and your family?
- It seems that some key mentors and role models shaped the direction of your life. Who stands out in your memory today, and how did they impact your life?
- You raised four children, Mrs. Roberts, while moving frequently during your husband's years in the Air Force. Those must have been challenging years. What words of encouragement can you offer to women whose husbands serve in the military?
- Some older adults have a hard time finding new roles in their lives as they age. What would you like to say to your fellow seniors about life and faith?

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