

Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade* Speaks to You

Roe v. Wade was the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States in 1973. Roe's real name is Norma McCorvey. The following is what she said on March 23, 1997, as quoted in *Lifewatch*, December 1, 1999. *Lifewatch* is a newsletter of Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality, 910 289 2449.

"I am Norma McCorvey. I became known as Jane Roe on January 22, 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court released the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which created a woman's right to abortion. I am now a child of God, a new creature in Christ; I am forgiven and redeemed. Today, I publicly recant my involvement in the tragedy of abortion. I humbly ask forgiveness of the millions of women and unborn babies who have experienced the violence of abortion. In this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, I stand with those who honor the worth of every unborn child as created in the image of God. I will strive, in the name of Jesus, to end this holocaust."

Not only is Jane Roe pro-life, but so is her daughter, whom Roe gave birth to because the Supreme Court acted too slowly for Jane.

On the same date as the *Roe v. Wade* decision was announced, the *Doe v. Bolton* decision was also announced. The *Doe* decision, though not generally known about, was equally or more important than *Roe*. Sandra Cano was Doe. Both Doe and her daughter are now pro-life.

Since Roe calls abortion a tragedy, and since Roe and Doe and their daughters are pro-life, can't you be?