

## MARY HART Biography

To the millions of viewers who watch *Entertainment Tonight* on a regular basis, it's not unusual to see MARY HART seated beside John Tesh at the anchor desk, or seated across from a celebrity during an interview. But Mary Hart-seated on a Harley? That requires a bit of explanation.

"My husband recently bought a Harley and wanted to go to the largest motorcycle rally in the country, which was being held in my native South Dakota," Hart says. "We were going to go just for the fun of it, but in talking with (*Entertainment Tonight* Executive Producer) Jim about it, I realized that it would make a great story for the show. So I ended up covering the event for *Entertainment Tonight* and had a wonderful time. I, of course, fit in perfectly!" she adds with a laugh.

And how did the bikers react to the sight of Mary Hart, clad in a leather jacket and throttling up a "hog"? She smiles as she recreates the scene: "There I was, with 100,000 motorcyclists tattooed from their armpits to their ankles, and most of the ones who approached me asked, 'How's A.J.?'"

A.J. is Hart's son and her most personal production to date. Born on Christmas Eve, 1991 to Hart and her husband, Beverly Hills businessman Burt Sugarman, A.J. has changed the way Hart looks at life. As she puts it, "I have a family situation that I love so much, I really feel happier than I've ever been in my life."

Born in South Dakota, Hart lived in Sioux Falls until the age of six, when her father's career took the family to Europe. After spending four years each in Denmark and Sweden, she returned to South Dakota to attend boarding school and later earned a degree in English from Augustana College.

It was during her college years that Hart was bitten by the television bug. She recalls, "The first time I was on camera, I knew that's where I belonged. I felt that very, very strongly, right away."