

**JUDY TURNER:** *Female -. Mezzo. Funny, gawky, nervous, scatterbrain. Warm and hopeful. Very awkward except when dancing.*

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Little brat. That's what my sister was, a little brat, and that's why I shaved her head. I'm glad I shaved her head. Then my father lost his job so we had to leave El Paso and we would end up in St. Louie, Missouri.

Well it was the furthest thing from my mind to be a dancer, but my mother would embarrass me. When she'd come to pick me up from school with all those great, big, yellow rollers in her hair no matter how much I begged her and she'd say, "What are you, ashamed of your own mother?"

The thing that made my daddy laugh so much was when I used to jump and dance around the living room

But then when I was fifteen the most terrible thing happened. The Ted Mack Amateur Hour held auditions in St. Louie and I didn't hear about it till after they'd gone and I nearly killed myself.....nearly killed myself. I tried to walk in front of a speeding streetcar... and then I began noticing boys for the first time.