

Samantha Smith

By Julia

“Actually the whole thing started when I asked my Mother if there was going to be a war.”

Samantha Smith was born in Houlton, Maine, on June 29, 1972. She was a schoolgirl from Manchester, Maine. Her parents were Arthur and Jane. She was an only child. Her peacemaking mission took place in Maine, but she really traveled all around the world. Samantha became known as America's youngest ambassador, peace activist, and child actor.

She worked to stop war. She felt that it was not the best way to solve problems. She wanted to find the right way to help people live without fighting for what they want. She wrote a letter to the Prime Minister of Russia, and he wrote back to her, saying that she was welcomed to come and visit them to talk about the war. While she was there, they had no interest in fighting. He said that they were peace lovers. She was surprised that he had even written back. That letter inspired her to travel around the world as a spokesperson for peace. She became America's youngest ambassador. She wrote a book about her life and about how war is wrong. Every year in Maine, the first day in June is officially The Samantha Smith Day. One day she was on her way home from an interview. She got in a plane to go home, but on her way home her plane crashed and she died on August 25, 1985, at the age of 13.

Samantha Smith is of interest to me for a lot of reasons. I liked how she dreamed big and went for her dream. All that you hear most of the time is to think big and dream small so you can reach your goal; but Samantha thought big, dreamed big, and achieved her dream, too. She inspired me because she was very young, and she felt very strongly against war. She wrote a letter that helped her reach her dream. The results inspired her to do big things, and she inspired me.

