



In Memorium



Doyle

JOHN R. DOYLE, 65, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Born in Fort Wayne, John worked as a computer operator with Parkview Hospital. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and also skated with the Ice Capades from 1975 to 1979. Surviving are his mother, Betty J. Doyle of Fort Wayne; brothers, Matt (Colleen) Doyle of Huddleston, Va. and Kevin W. (Myra Sullivan) Doyle of Venice, Fla.; sisters, Marjorie T. (Rev. Dave) Pelz of Spencerville, Ind., Kathy (Pat) Merkler of Tulsa, Okla. and Peggy M. (Rod) Bryant of Fort Wayne; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Doyle. Funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior. The Rev. David Pelz officiating. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, at the funeral home. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association.

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Our Alumni in the News

Olympic Gold Medalist Dorothy Hamill Talks About Life and New Breast Cancer Initiative: 'I Try to Seize Every Moment'

By Barbara Stepko 01/15/2016 AT 05:05 PM EST



Decades before [Serena Williams](#) was firing off first serves and [Lindsey Vonn](#) was shushing down mountaintops, figure skater Dorothy Hamill was the biggest deal in women's sports.

She captured the gold medal at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, nearly 40 years ago, and became an overnight sensation. She went on to make a small fortune starring in *Ice Capades* and TV specials, land scores of endorsement deals, create a nationwide trend with her bouncy hairstyle and earn the title of "America's Sweetheart."

Today, Hamill, who turns 60 in July, lives a far quieter life in Indian Wells, California, with her husband, business executive John MacColl. (Hamill's 27-year-old daughter, Alexandra Forsythe, from Hamill's second marriage to Kenneth Forsythe, lives in Sacramento.)

Low-key seems to suit Hamill just fine.

To read the rest of the article, click here:

<http://www.people.com/article/dorothy-hamill-breast-cancer-gold-medal>

Graceville Man Skates By In Life

(those who skated in 1968-69, Robert was affectionately known to us as 440)



MIRAMAR BEACH, Fla (WJHG) - Many people skate by in life, and Robert Strong is no different. The 65 year-old former letter carrier hails from Graceville, which is fitting when you see him glide across the ice.

Strong grew up in Massachusetts and laced up the skates for the first time when he was just three years-old.

"Back then the winters stayed cold," said Strong. "They got out there with a fire hose and made us an outdoor ice skating rink."

From November until January, Strong finds sanctuary at The Villages of Baytowne Wharf ice rink in Sandestin.

"Some people paint as a means of expressing. Some people dance. Some people sing and I can't do much of any of that, so this is my artistic outlet," said Strong.

Strong joined the Ice Capades out of high school when he was only 17 years-old. He skated at the Ft. Lauderdale Sheraton's ice show for 14 years. That's when he received a surprise phone call.

To read the rest of the article, <http://www.wjhg.com/home/headlines/Graceville-man-skates-by-in-life-364596341.html>

To read accompanying article , click here <http://syntheticiceusa.com/former-pro-figure-skater-robert-strong>

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JoJo Starbuck - Growing Bolder

It was such a pleasure spending time with Marc Middleton of [Growing Bolder](http://www.growingbolder.com) to talk about the joys and benefits for adult skating! <https://www.growingbolder.com/jojo-starbuck-3030399/>



A former Olympian explains why ice skating could be your perfect way to get active, even if you've never skated before.

growingbolder.com|By [Growing Bolder](http://www.growingbolder.com)

Everybody is always looking for an interesting new way to exercise. What if there was something that's cool, fun and incredibly effective?

Former Olympic figure skating medalist and world champion JoJo Starbuck says skating is something that changed her life and she thinks it can change yours, too.

With her partner Ken Shelley, JoJo won three U.S. titles, two World bronze medals and competed in both the 1968 and 1972 Olympics, and she says you don't have to be a world-class skater to reap the benefits of getting on the ice.

Despite the fact that she has coached several Olympians, she says her favorite students are adults. JoJo explains how skating benefits the body and the brain and says this is more important than ever for her aging students. As she approaches 65 herself, she reveals the many ways skating keeps her body and mind healthy.

JoJo also explains describes how learning to skate can help prevent devastating future falls, even in older students who've never skated before.

Go to: <https://jojostarbucks.com> to learn more about her skating lessons for adults.

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Figure-skating exhibit highlights 'perfect landings' by immigrants

The Canadian Press Wed, 6 Jan 2016 14:37:00 CST



Otto and Maria Jelinek are seen in this handout photo taken in the 1960s. In Canada, the sport of figure skating has been "profoundly influenced" by the talents of immigrants, says the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, about a new exhibit called "Perfect Landings". THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-Skate Canada Archives

HALIFAX - John Knebli, a skilled Hungarian-born craftsman, came to Canada in 1930. Ellen Burka, a Holocaust survivor from Holland, arrived in 1951.

Both went on to become prominent in Canadian figure skating in their own ways.

In Canada, the sport has been "profoundly influenced" by the talents of immigrants, says the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

The museum's new exhibit "Perfect Landings," opening Jan. 16, profiles several of those immigrants. It overlaps with the 2016 National Skating Championships, being held from Jan. 18 to 24 at Halifax's Scotiabank Centre.

Knebli made skates for numerous top-ranked skaters, while Burka trained some of the sport's biggest stars.

Others highlighted in the display include Louis Rubenstein, Hellmut May, Joe Geisler, Otto and Maria Jelinek, Victor Kraatz and Ellen Burka's daughter Petra.

Among artifacts to be featured are Kraatz's "Riverdance" costume from the 1998 Olympics, Petra Burka's bronze medal from the 1964 Olympics, and skates crafted by Knebli, museum historian Steven Schwinghamer said.

"Perfect Landings," presented in the museum's Hall of Tribute in partnership with Skate Canada, is set to run until March 20.

On Jan. 21, the museum will screen "Skate to Survive," a 2007 film biography of Ellen Burka.

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1/16 - Saturday night, legendary skating champion Scott Hamilton came to Bryant Park Skating Rink in NYC in his quest to eliminate cancer!

Scott's foundation Scott Cares (<https://scottcares.org/>) put on an event, "Sk8 to Elimin8 Cancer". About 30 of my skating students and friends joined the crowds skating that night. We had a blast as we skated under the sparkle of NYC lights!

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Upcoming Events

Ice Show Gypsies Cruise Reunion 2016



September 24, 2016. 7 nights, Sailing on the Norwegian Escape from Miami, Florida.
Itinerary: Miami, sea day, sea day, St Thomas - US Virgin Islands, Tortola, sea day, Nassau - Bahamas, Miami.
All prices are in U.S. Dollars and will be per person for double occupancy.

For more information, go to www.icecapadesreunion2015.com

Or

<https://www.facebook.com/events/501694283332385/>

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Website Update

The reunion website – www.icecapadesreunion2015.com is still there. Even though the reunion is over, the plan is to continue to use this site for alumni updates so please keep checking back from time to time as news will be added periodically. Don't forget, there are also show rosters for your reference, updated obits and upcoming events.



Ice Capades Reunion Update

To view archived information from the reunion,

including pictures, videos etc

go to www.icecapadesreunion2015.com

and access the archived tabs