



Sad News

Evie (Gray) Shore – April 15, 2018



West Springfield - Evelyn K. "Evie" (Gray) Shore died Sunday evening surrounded by her loving family. She was born and raised in Pittsburgh PA., the daughter of the late S. Earl and Catherine (Kohne) Gray. She graduated from South Hill High School in 1950 then attended Carnegie Tech. Evie started ice-skating at 6 years of age. She joined the Ice Capades ice show in 1952, and retired from skating in 1957 to marry Eddie (Ted) Shore Jr. They had four children Catherine Pokorny her husband Jeff, Eddie Shore III, his wife Katherine, Robert Shore Sr. his wife Linda and Lynn Shore. Evie has nine grandchildren Meagan & Rachel Pokorny, Caitlin & Edward Shore IV, Christine & Robert Shore Jr., William Ezold, Joseph and John Wolf, and a great granddaughter Dakota Shore. Evie was an avid reader and loved to play bridge. She was one of the original members of Wednesday West Springfield bridge players. Evie was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rainbow for Girls, Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. She supported her husband in his Shriners endeavors as Potentate and the Shriners Hospital for Children where she was a volunteer. The funeral will be held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home Wednesday, April 25th at 10:00am. Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, April 24th from 4:00-7:00pm. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. For more details please visit curranjones.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Eddie Shore Angel Fund at the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children. 516 Carew Street, Springfield Ma. 01104.

[Click here to be linked to the funeral home where you can leave your condolences to the family.](#)

Jim Marx – May 3, 2018



James Robert Marx, 60, of La Crosse, died Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital. Jim was born April, 14, 1958 to Mary (Homstad) and Robert Marx, who precede him in death.

He is survived by a brother Robert (Ann) and their children Christopher Capizzi, Bobby and Becca Marx, all of Sun Prairie, WI, a sister Helen (Kelly) Michaels of Galesville, WI and special friends Connor and Colin Iverson of La Crosse, WI.

Jim was a 1976 graduate of La Crosse Central High School and a student at UW – La Crosse. Jim spent most of his life in La Crosse, except for his time working with The Ice Capades from 1982 -1997 where he travelled throughout the United States and Canada doing

various jobs from carpentry, stage management and finally VP of Operations in Scottsdale, AZ. When Jim returned to La Crosse in 1997, he worked at the La Crosse Center for 10 years and then held a few other jobs until his disability in 2016. Jim was most proud of his time working with The Ice Capades and formed many lasting friendships. In his spare time, Jim enjoyed fishing and watching sports, especially the Green Bay Packers. He was a kind, witty and hard-working person who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A private burial will be at Mormon Coulee Memorial Park at a later date.

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Great Halloween Memories



1965 San Antonio – Photos courtesy of Maria Calderon

Bob Hubbard, Gary Masterson, Herman Rider, Pepe, Sharon Woods, Fran Hubbard, Marilyn Rider



1963 – Bobby Specht as Ann Liston **1963** - Leo Sernic as Lucille and a toy tiger in the crate.



1974 Halloween West Co.

Mini Reunion Alert – Toronto area - Update



Cirque du Soleil's CRYSTAL is coming and the closest it's going to be is

London – June 14-17 and Hamilton – June 20-24

<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/crystal>

For those of you planning on joining us at Cirque's Crystal in Hamilton on Sun. June 24th – 1:30 pm show, please go ahead and purchase your own tickets. Reservations have been made at the Hamilton Sheraton – Loft Lounge after the show. Reservation is under "Ice Capades" approximately at 4 pm, and you are welcome to join us. If you plan on coming and haven't already let me know, please drop me a note so I can ensure we have enough room reserved for our group. Thanks - gspoden@rogers.com

Memories

Hawaii Welcomes International Show - 1964



The premiere of Ice Capades in Hawaii, and the debut of the 10-million-dollar Honolulu International Center found a new auditorium splitting at its seams as the show drew capacity crowds during the performances.

A total audience of nearly 100,000 people attended the Ice Capades during its 11-day stand and 17 shows, June 4th through the 14th. This means that one out of every five residents saw Ice Capades and paid a total of \$275,000, believed to be a record gross for any Hawaii entertainment figure.

The auditorium complex was built specifically for the purpose of bringing to the Islands big time productions such as Ice Capades.

Nearly 4,000 Hawaiians turned out for the opening night performance, a benefit for the Hawaii Heart Association. Proceeds from the event were turned over to the Association for its 1964-1965 program.

The first performer to take to the ice in the show was 19-year-old Mitsuko Funakoshi, who made her professional debut as a solo artist.

At the same time, 1960 Olympic pairs figure skating champions Bob Paul and Barbara Wagner concluded their final professional appearance in the Island engagement.

Where Are They Now?

Ingrid Wendl, as she appeared in the 28th edition of Ice Capades.



From Vienna and from stardom in the famous Vienna Ice Revue comes Ingrid Wendl. She was Silver Medal Winner in World's Championship competitions and twice European Champion. It's Ice Capades' good fortune that Ingrid gave up her Dramatic Arts studies at the University of Vienna to fulfill her skating ambitions in America. "I always wanted a red costume", whose first, brilliant solo in Ice Capades happens in brilliant red and, appropriate for a star, a chinchilla wrap. (taken from the program.)

This is the cover of Ingrid's 2002 book (below is a very loose translation of the caption that was under it).

The famous figure skater and TV presenter Ingrid Wendl's memoirs about her career as a top athlete and her successful career as a journalist and commentator. Wendl starred in the Vienna Ice Review and the US show "Ice Capades". Twelve years touring of Europe and the United States, with up to 400 performances a year. After 25 years of total dedication to the sport, she started her career with Austrian TV as a spokesperson.



What were you thinking the first time you stepped on the ice as a member of the world famous Ice Capades?

Roberta Harris Miller (IC 1952-1956)

I remember well my first performance with Ice Capades, because long term memory is the last to go. I had never seen the show when I received a telegram to join the cast in Philadelphia. They hadn't yet played in my hometown of Hershey, Pennsylvania. I arrived in Philly, expecting to watch the show as a spectator, but I was hustled backstage and told to step in for one of the girls who became ill during the performance. 'Not to worry'...'piece of cake'... 'walk you through every step.' Right!

They gave me my costume (my skates were already there), and then the process of putting on the stage makeup began. "not to worry'...'piece of cake'...walk you through every step'. Well, I had so much makeup on I could have made a fortune standing on any street corner in mid town.

Okay, time to go. 'Get in line' 'Stand here' 'Get your head and put it on'. What? What head? Answer: Lollipop head. Yes, I had to wear a lollipop head with two little mesh holes to see through and it was a strobe light number. It began with total darkness. I could hear all the kids in the number laughing as I skated by them, each one grabbing one arm and then the other, shouting, "This way!" When the number was over, my first question was, 'Why did I have too much makeup on when I wore a headpiece in total darkness? Answer: It was just their

brand of humor. But I got even. When they were on the ice for the finale, I sharpened all their eyebrow pencils. Do you have any idea how long it takes to get an eyebrow pencil point just right? Ha ha! It was just my brand of humour.



Organizing reunions take a lot of time and commitment to whomever steps forward to bring our alumni together so we can re-connect and relive the special memories we created over the years.

Questions have come up recently about ‘when’s the next reunion?’ After putting together the last 2 reunions, the current reunion committee would like to take a break so we could come and enjoy the next one and be with our friends.

It is our understanding that Stephanie Perom has stepped up to the challenge and has said she would like to organize the 2020 reunion. We believe that she is already working on it so when she’s ready, she will let the rest of us know her plans. The Blade will post Reunion updates as they become available.

Stephanie has asked if anyone is interested in helping to get in touch with her. Am sure she would appreciate the help. bodymindandfitness@yahoo.com Respectfully, Your Past Reunion Committee

Comments from May Blade

Thank you for the inspiration, and articles showing that not everyone has a perfect life. - *Sherry Dorsey Cook*

Thank you so much for taking the time to publish The Blade every month. You do a wonderful job and I love reading it. – *Maria Reilly Calderon*

Professional Skaters Foundation



The **Professional Skaters Association** International is the largest [figure skating](#) coaches association in the world. The PSA was founded on August 10, 1938 in [Lake Placid, New York](#), as the [American Skaters Guild](#), just two years (1936) after the [Ice Teachers Guild](#) was formed in England by [Jacques Gerschwiler](#), [Howard Nicholson](#), [Gladys Hogg](#) and [Eric Van De Weyden](#).^[1] On January 21, 1950, at the [Broadmoor World Arena](#) in [Colorado Springs, Colorado](#), the [American Skaters Guild](#) was reorganized and renamed the [Professional](#)

[Skaters Guild of America.](#)

In May 1995, the PSGA once again changed its identity to the Professional Skaters Association, International (PSA). With this new name the association took on a renewed role in the sport of figure skating, but vowed to remain rooted in its 57-year history and ideals. The “birth” of the PSA reflected the changing scope of this organization’s activities and of the worldwide skating industry. The Board of Directors felt it was time to adopt this new name, acknowledging that the PSA is the world’s premier professional skating organization. [2] The PSA is the official figure skating coach’s education, training and accreditation program for [U.S. Figure Skating](#) and the [Ice Skating Institute](#).

The Skaters' Fund

Founded by Coach Charles Fetter in 1998, The Skaters Fund assists all coaches and performing skaters who need financial assistance due to sickness, disability or age. Since its inception, The Skaters Fund has awarded over \$130,000 in assistance to over 50 recipients. Charles Fetter passed in August of 2014 following a 12 year battle with cancer. Among his final wishes was that the Skaters Fund become a part of the PS Foundation and continue to provide assistance to coaches and performing skaters in need. His wishes became a reality when the fund was formally turned over to the PS Foundation at a ceremony at the 2015 Conference and Trade Show by his widow, Sandy Fetter. The Foundation is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and you may claim that you did not receive any goods or services in consideration, in whole or part, for your contribution.

[Donation Link](#)

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, go to

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Upcoming Events



Holiday on Ice

40th Anniversary of the Gold Division

'Alice-Flamenco' Production

Open to skaters from all shows

Las Vegas, NV – September 5-7, 2018

[***Click here for registration form***](#)



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