

## Michele Granjeans - Dec. 11, 2010



The Granjeans competed for Switzerland in pairs, were members of the 1952 Swiss Olympic team, and won the 1954 European pairs championship.

Their first professional work was in the East Company of "Ice Capades" in 1955. That year's program states, "They were sighted by Donna Atwood in Europe last fall. Donna got their word that if they ever did turn professional they would join Ice Capades."

Michel and Silvia Grandjean were featured in "Ice Capades" West company

in 1956, 1957, and 1958.

They then returned to Europe to perform with "Holiday On Ice" in 1959/'60. Silvia retired but Michel partnered Liesl Ellend on a "Holiday On Ice" Far East tour in 1961/'62.

I skated on that "Holiday" far East tour with Michel and was impressed with his quiet elegance and charming accent. Also his wonderful joy for life and great sense of humor. He loved to travel and his Christmas cards always contained a photo together with his long time partner Alex Mangas from their most recent foreign adventure. He was a beautiful skater and a terrific person who is sadly missed. - Roy Blakey