



## Sad News

### Robert Thibault – July 15, 2020

MANCHESTER — Robert F. Thibault, 83, died on July 15, 2020, following an extended illness.

He was born in Manchester, N.H., on Dec. 25, 1936, son of the late Aime and Agnes (Vallee) Thibault. “Bob” developed a love for baseball on the sandlots of Manchester’s West Side. His talent for singing cultivated at a young age, he was formally trained throughout his youth. He attended Ste. Marie and St. Jean Baptiste elementary schools, producing and performing in ice skating shows for the Church’s benefit. A self-taught figure skater, he promoted, managed, and starred in these shows, alongside members of the **Ice Capades** performing group.

Following a series of health issues, Robert, with his wife Cecylia, retired to Hernando, Fla., Bob played golf and table tennis, remaining most active as a long-time member of the Citrus Hills pickleball team. He coached and played almost daily until Parkinson’s disease weakened him to a prohibitive extent. In 2018, Robert and Cecylia moved to Atlanta to live with their son and his family.

Robert is predeceased by his sister Rose Lamberti, brothers Raymond Thibault, Gerard Thibault (who died at two years of age), Roger Thibault (stillborn), Gerard Thibault, and Henri Thibault. He is survived by his wife, Cecylia Thibault, his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Scott Beaton, their children, Nicholas, Rachel, Marissa, and Catherine Beaton, his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Camilla Thibault, their children, Maria and Emily Thibault, along with step-siblings, Roger, Raymond and Helen Laferriere, and numerous sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

### William Francis “B Boy” McGeough – July 15, 2020

You may not recognize his name, but he was one of us – driving our equipment from city to city.



PORTLAND – William Francis “B Boy” McGeough, 61, passed away unexpectedly at his home on July 15, 2020. Bill was born in Portland on Jan. 6, 1959 to Patricia (nee Halpin) and Frank P. McGeough. He attended Nathan Clifford, King Middle and Portland High School.

While attending Nathan Clifford grammar school, he learned to play the drums. It was also at Nathan Clifford that he met life-long friends who enjoyed rock music and as the friends matured, they formed the local band “The Kopterz”. Bill played the drums for “The Kopterz” for several years, then after taking the advice of his father, decided to find a more stable

career.

Bill headed west to Boulder City, Nev. to attend A-1 Truck Driving School where he obtained his commercial driver's license. It turned out to be a very wise decision as he enjoyed a very successful and safe 40-year career as a class one truck driver. During his early career, **he drove 18-wheelers carrying equipment for the Ice Capades** and the Harlem Globe Trotters. He then joined Road Show and Upstaging trucking companies and carried equipment for touring rock band shows, such as Prince, the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Tom Petty, and many others.

Growing tired of crossing the country for one-night rock shows, he was fortunate to be hired by Game Creek Video of Hudson, N.H. where he had been employed for the past 15 years. Bill drove the multi-million dollar mobile television trucks covering major league baseball, basketball, hockey, skiing, NASCAR, and many other sporting events. His truck was the "Yankee Clipper" which covered the New York Yankees during baseball season. He was honored as the Krisway truck driver of the year in 2019. Bill loved his job with Game Creek Video and was due to retire in October 2020. [Click here for detailed information](#)

## Our Alumni in the News

### Coronavirus hits 'Bond girl' from Orange County hard

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The James Bond parties, usually in lavish locations around the world, are legendary.

Lynn-Holly Johnson said the best one was the Day of the Dead-themed party in Mexico City that coincided with the opening of the James Bond film "Spectre" in 2016. Over the years, Johnson has developed a friendship with the "wildest, most charismatic" Bond Girl, Gloria Hendry, who played Rosie Carver in the film "Live and Let Die." And, of course, the London events attract fans who have loved James Bond since "Dr. No" in 1962.



Former Bond-girl Lynn-Holly Johnson in her home in Newport Beach, CA, on Friday, July 17, 2020. Its been a rough year for Johnson, who was once a "Bond Girl" in the movie "For Your Eyes Only" (1981). Trips to London and Monaco for red carpet events (connected to the new Bond movie) were canceled. Then she and her

husband Kelly came down with COVID-19. Then her knee gave out and now she's recovering from surgery. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Another red carpet affair was scheduled for April 2020 with the opening of the newest Bond film, "No Time to Die." There was a premiere party in London AND a screening in Monaco, which was a fundraiser for the Princess Grace Foundation.

Johnson, 61, of Newport Beach, tries to attend all of them. In 1981, she appeared with Roger Moore in the film "For Your Eyes Only." Her character (Bond characters have the best names), Bibi Dahl, tries and fails to seduce James Bond.

It's good to be a "Bond Girl." There have been 12 James Bond movies released since Bibi tried to lure the spy to bed. Johnson has walked the red carpet for most of them, wherever they are.

"You go in a limo, and you feel like you used to be something," Johnson said about the Bond premiere parties.

But this year [Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

## New Reunion Information

## New Dates – June 8, 9, 10, 2021



**DON'T FORGET:** In an effort to excite some of you to get your friends signed up, we are offering a drawing for an upgrade to a Suite to those that encourage their friends to join us. Have your friends registered yet? If you can get 7 other friends (total 8 ppl) to register for the Reunion, all 8 people will be *eligible to win a 1 Bedroom Suite Upgrade at the OMNI Resort and Spa* for your Reunion stay. If friends are already registered, yes, they can count as a part of your total of 8 to be eligibility for the drawing.

Deadline for this Suite Upgrade Giveaway drawing will be December 30, 2020.

If you want those same 8 people at your Table at the Gala – now is the time to get a jump on reserving a table too. For those not participating in this promotion, know that there will be a "limited number" of table sign-ups available in registration area, when you check in!

**NOTE** - We Are EXTENDING our EARLY BIRD pricing through AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>! \$355 (a \$20 savings per ticket). Consider registering now, and save.

**Click here to register:** <https://www.eventinterface.com/en/ice-capades-2020-reunion/>

**The OMNI LAS PALMAS RESORT & SPA is now taking reservations**, and can be made by [clicking here](#) or by clicking the link on our Reunion Registration Web page, or from the link on our Facebook Reunion event page, or by **phoning (888) 444-6664**. **REMEMBER: You must use Our Code to get the Discounted Rate: 061420CAPADES .**

Questions: -- Stephanie Perom, Event Producer, (310) 962-5908 -Cell, [IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com](mailto:IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com)

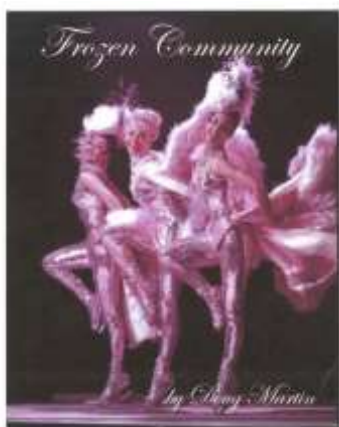
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## **RELIVING FOND MEMORIES**



Doug Martin had published two books called 'Frozen Community' where he wanted to have skaters tell funny stories about their time on the road. Stories were posted before but worth sharing again. Read on.

**A Classic Pinky Story** – As most of you know, Doug and Pinky skated adagio. As Doug recalled, when they took their starting position on the ice, he couldn't figure why Pinky wasn't smiling as she was supposed to do, because it was a romantic number. As he recalled, "We were nearly through when she finally looked at me and flashed a smile – revealing a mouthful of blacked out teeth. I could hardly stop laughing inside, and was doing anything in my power not to show it. To make the situation even tougher, she did this before I had to lift her over my head in one of the hardest lifts to perform. We made it, but just barely. I've never forgotten that, and I always remind her, each time we talk". What great memories.

## Videos of the Month

Ice Capades always hired the best of the best

Bob Paul & Barbara Wagner

1960 World & Olympic Champions



[https://youtu.be/\\_VrqyNY2-IU](https://youtu.be/_VrqyNY2-IU)

Robin Cousins - 1980 Olympic Champion



<https://youtu.be/MEec6XAhsUg>

**Do you remember receiving the rules  
when you joined the show?**

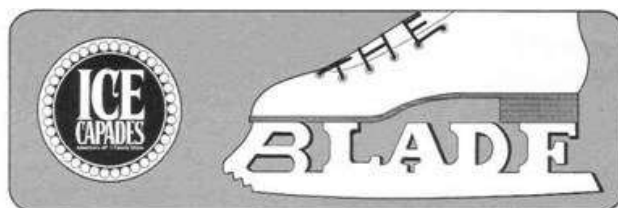
## ICE CAPADES – 1967

To: All Skaters

A few suggestions are needed backstage to enable us to have a smoother operation of the show. If you will please abide by the following rules – you will greatly eliminate many difficulties.

1. No handing on or peeking out curtain – my pet peeve.
2. No sitting on props, prop table and wardrobe tables, dashlights, -- put nothing on the dashlights
3. No littering backstage – if you are not working a number – stay out. Be aware of props and scenery changes and stand aside. This is part of your routing as well as out front performing. Keep quiet under the set.
4. IN the coffee stand area – deposit your litter in Trash Containers – don't leave your coffee cups, cold drinks, popcorn, hot dogs, etc. all over the seats, wardrobe and prop table, or packing crates. Do not be careless – HELP keep your backstage neat and clean.
5. Wear your robes out of the dressing rooms when not in costume.
6. Skate-guard bags are provided – do not lay your guards on tables, scenery or props.
7. Take Pride and Care of your hand Prop and Costumes; they cost Ice Capades a great deal of time and money. In doing so, you can save enormously on maintenance.
8. EVERYONE is responsible for his or her own dressing table. Keep it neat at all times. Please do not carelessly litter the floor with Kleenex, and hair spray cans, baby oil bottles, old towels or any other litter. Put your litter in paper bags provided and trash receptacles. Each person empties his own paper bag. It's your litter: Keep skates, shows, slippers off the floor after the show each night to allow the building sweepers to properly clean the dressing rooms. On opening night, you find the dressing rooms neat and clean - please leave them that way on closing night. No smoking – food – or dink in the Costume Rooms.
9. Nothing should be posted on the Bulletin Boards without permission of the Company Manager.

If everyone will offer 100% cooperation, you will be rewarded with improved and far more pleasant working conditions. Do not hesitate to bring your backstage difficulties and suggestions to me.



The website, [www.icecapadestheblade.com](http://www.icecapadestheblade.com) has been revamped and more information has been added. It's still a work in progress. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2021 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including the list of **who's coming**

**Cast, Precision & Production Pictures** – Relive some memories.

**Past reunion Pictures** – Check them out for some you may have missed.

**Rosters** – Looking for someone or remembering who you skated with in the show?

**Video links** – have been collecting skating 'You Tube' links from the early years.

**Program Covers** – we had the most beautiful covers

**Past Issues of The Blade** – just in case you missed an issue

**Past Reunion Pictures** – relive the times you attended the reunions

**In Memorium** – remembering those who have left us too soon

Check it out!

## Upcoming Events



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