



## Sad News

### Lois Jean Woodworth – Sept. 21, 2020



ROCKFORD, Ill. — Lois Jean Woodworth, 92, born May 2, 1928, in Rockford, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on September 21, 2020, in Houghton.

Lois was daughter of Ray and Hazel Dahlquist, and sister of Joyce Lundstrom. After graduating from East High School in 1946, she joined her sister, Joyce of Rockford and skated professionally with **the Ice Capades at the Chicago Stadium**.

In 1951, Lois married Gene Woodworth and had three boys. Married 60 years, she was predeceased by Gene in 2011.

An avid golfer, Lois won five Rockford City Golf Championships, many Winnebago County titles and the first flight of the Western Open, defeating an opponent who is now in the LPGA hall of fame.

In 2009, she was inducted into the Rockford Golf Hall of Fame. She was a pioneer in the Amway business since 1963, still selling products up until the week of her death. July 14, 1977, she was called on by Amway Corporation to testify in Washington D.C. in a trial against the FTC, which Amway won.

Along with her many talents, she was an author of five children's books and a spiritual autobiography. Lois attended First Baptist in Calumet and Coronado Baptist in Hot Springs Village Arizona and a former member of First Evangelical Covenant Church in Rockford. She loved, Jesus, family and friends fiercely. She touched so many people and will be greatly missed. Once again reunited with Gene and her parents in Heaven!

Survived by her three sons, Dr. Steven (Diane) Woodworth of Lake Linden, Dr. Don (Pamela) Woodworth of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and James (Pamela) Woodworth of Jacksonville, Florida; grandchildren, Allison, Zoe, Ray, Craig, Kyle, Brett, Ryan, and Sean; great-grandchildren, Tavin and Peyton; sister, Joyce Dahlquist Lundstrom of Rockford; and brother-in-law, Tom Woodworth of Littleton, Colorado.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020, in Olson Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd., Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Ave. Rockford, Illinois.

Burial in the Scandinavian Cemetery to follow. Visitation at 12:30 p.m. prior to the service in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Charles Stanley Ministries in her memory at [intouch.org](http://intouch.org) or Omega House at 2211 Maureen Ln, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

## Bill Blackburn – October 2018

Just received information on the passing of Bill Blackburn but only have information on his passing as October of 2018. If anyone has more detailed information, please let me know. Some of you might remember seeing Bill skating at the No. Hollywood Ice Capades Chalet or Pickwick as he was certainly a regular there for many years.

Bill Blackburn skated seven years with Holiday on Ice and **2 years with Ice Capades**. In 1955 he skated in Sonja Henie's TV spectacular in New York. He was the oriental sultan in the Nutcracker, and in the Hills Hotel skating show for Bill Turner productions.



He was on the original Star Trek playing a lot of different things. The Gorn, the Rabbit in Shore Leave, robot, and was a regular as the navigator for its entire run of three years.

He also took movies with his super eight, and eight millimetre camera. which he later was signed to a contract by CBS and the footage is on all three seasons of blue ray and regular DVD's.



Richard Dwyer. Joan Hiner, Michale Crus, Jimmy Alvarez skating the Adult session every Mon, Wed and Friday at 110 at Pickwick ice in Burbank...He also did still painting in oils and acrylics, portraits mostly of Italian and Spanish 16th century men and women...and occasionally designing skating costumes....He retired from Warner Brothers in 2003 from the star wardrobe dept created for the museum at WB.

Click below to read more about his interesting career.

[https://memory-alpha.fandom.com/wiki/William\\_Blackburn](https://memory-alpha.fandom.com/wiki/William_Blackburn)

## Our Alumni in the News

### What's Liz Manley been up to lately?



Watch the video below to find out.

<https://globalnews.ca/video/7422378/figure-skating-champ-liz-manley-chats-with-global-news-morning>

## The Memorial Fund Lives On

### Figure Skaters' Favorites Cookbook Vol. II



ALL THREE of these US OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS have contributed recipes for Volume 2.

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Ice Capades West and East, 1980-82

## Videos of the Month

### **Perfection on ice pays off for Scott Hamilton at the 1984 Olympics.**

Compulsory figures may have been eliminated from competition, but their beauty lives on. Here is Scott winning all of the compulsory figures and taking a commanding lead at the 1984 Olympics.



Compulsory figures part 1

<https://youtu.be/jU9Hy1upUr0>

Compulsory figures part 2

<https://youtu.be/W7yCgMJOObs>

Years later, these same figures played a key role in this amazing **Bolero production number in 1985.** Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4d9HL-X6q08>

## 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.

**Bonnie Atwood** is sharing her funny experience in Cleveland, OH.

She describes it as a bizarre little moment that prompted a lot of good-natured laughs.

One night after a show, I had taken a little longer than usual to take off my makeup and change into my street clothes. I suddenly realized that I was the only girl left in the dressing room, when somebody turned off all the lights. I felt my way to the hallway, and discovered that everyone had gone! I looked around for the exit door, but I couldn't find it. I turned this way and that, trying to press back the mounting fear. Then I somehow found a door with a big metal handle. Great! I would just push it open and be out on the street, where I could then walk back to the hotel. So I shoved open the door and stepped through.

Only it didn't lead to the street. I was on a stage with a rock band!! The four young musicians tried to maintain their composure and keep on playing their song. I looked out beyond the stage to see a supper club, and there at all the front tables were kids from the show. Apparently, I had taken so long to get out that they had ordered food and drinks, and were settled in for a night of entertainment. Those poor sweet guys in the band were met with gales of laughter from my fellow chorus members. I decided to swallow hard, hold my head up, pull my pocketbook close to my side, and walk across the stage as though this were a normal event. I don't think I even cracked a smile or made a nod of any kind. I just walked across that stage, down the front steps and went on with my life. But, boy, I sure heard about it the next day.

I joined the show in Washington, DC., but I might as well have been from Sunnybrook Farms, for all my lack of sophistication. People thought I looked like I'd just stepped off the boat, and with my face full of freckles, looking like I was ready to do a 'Drink Milk' commercial, I was given the nickname Bonnie Bell. But I was determined to see the world, but the beautiful and the ugly. Every day I faithfully went to ballet ice. I practiced three or four critical moves that landed me flat on the ice more often than not: the swoop in the opening number, T-stops, and of course, running into the wheel from where we short girls had to race to catch up.

**Doug Martin to Bonnie's rescue -**

On the first full day in each city, I make it my practice to go by myself to the nearest local bus stop, catch a bus, and ride to the end of the line and back, just to get a feel of the town. On one

such journey, I fell in love with the city of Toronto. I noticed that a movie theater was showing a film starring my favorite actress, Ann-Margret. I loved her, especially after seeing her in Bye Bye, Birdie at the theater in Hershey, PA, while I was there for a skating camp> I thought it would be a real treat to see her again. So I excitedly bought my movie ticket for the film “Kitten with a Whip’.

The theater didn’t look like the ones I was used to. I couldn’t put my finger on why, but something was different. I sat down and looked around. There weren’t a lot of people there, but, except for me, they were all men, and they were all sitting separately by themselves. The lights dimmed and then...Uh, Oh. That didn’t look like a movie I wanted to see.

Suddenly, some of the guys moved up and sat down beside me, and were talking to me. I needed to get out of there, and fast. I got up and left, and headed down the street, not knowing or caring which direction I went. Then I realized that one of the guys had left the theater when I did, and he was right behind me. “Hey, do you want to get a drink?” he called to me. “Where are you from? I just want to be friends” I quickened my pace as much as I could in heels. Where oh where was the hotel? I picked up my speed, and so did the guy following me. Finally...don’t ask me how...I found the hotel. I hurried to the front desk and there was my hero, Doug Martin. He was as bit as a football player, and I was never so glad to see him. I told him that this guy was following me. Doug got rid of the creep in a hurry, Then he read me the riot act. That was my last brush with the porn trade. I have lots of great memories of my time in Ice Capades. Doug in a white hat is one of them.

## **New Reunion Information**

## **New Dates – June 8, 9, 10, 2021**



**RESERVE YOUR TABLE FOR THE BANQUET and a chance to win a**

## SUITE UPGRADE FOR THE EVENT

Are your friends registered yet? We are offering a chance to Reserve a Table for the Gala, between now and January 31, 2021.

Simply designate a Table Host, and that person will then let me know the other 7 "registered" people (total of 8 for your table).

These 8 people will then be *eligible to win a 1 Bedroom Suite Upgrade at the OMNI Resort and Spa* for your Reunion stay.

**Deadline for this Suite Upgrade Giveaway drawing has been extended to - January 31, 2021.**

*Also, For those not participating in this promotion, know that there will be a "limited number" of table sign-ups available in Registration Area at Check-In!*

**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 .**

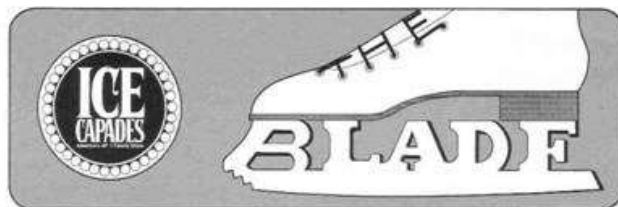
Questions: -- Stephanie Perom, Event Producer, (310) 962-5908 -Cell, [IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com](mailto:IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com)

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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

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## Upcoming Events



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