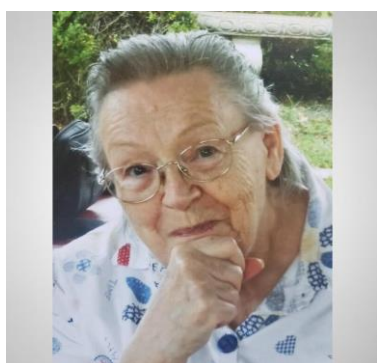


Sad News

Irene Harnden Larson – Feb. 18, 2023



Irene Louise Larson, age 89, of Clarksville TN passed from this life from dementia on Feb. 18, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Born Irene Harnden on November 22, 1933, in Lawrence, MA to her late parents Everel Harnden and Eunice Harnden of Andover, MA. Irene performed for the Ice Capades and retired from the USPS.

Irene was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Philip Harnden, her brothers, and her great-grandchild. Survivors include her children: Karin Larson of Clarksville, TN; Wayne Larson and his wife Sandy of Fremont, CA; Kris Larson of CA; Gary Larson and his wife Patricia of Clarksville, TN; Karl Larson and his wife Coralie of Opelousas, LA; with 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Alumni in the News



Senior couple finds Canyon Lake incredibly hospitable

Carolyn (Anton) Bennett was an accomplished ice skater and worked with the “Ice Capades” when on Christmas Day of 1973 while she was eating Christmas dinner, she received a phone call that would change her life. The caller asked Carolyn if she would like to audition to ice skate every week on national television.

Canyon Lake has a reputation for looking out for each other. Art Papesch and Carolyn Bennett, a couple who moved to Canyon Lake a little over a year ago, can sure validate such a community attribute.

Art, who because of an eye ailment can no longer drive, answered long-time Canyon Lake resident Marie Flores' ad in the Friday Flyer stating that she was available to give seniors rides to the doctor or the market.

Art answered the ad and their friendship began.

"We became best friends. I love her," Art said. "She was our chauffeur. That's how we became friends."

Recently, Art and Carolyn were desperate to find a new place to live. Art mentioned this to Marie and a day later, he and Carolyn were signing a lease.

A mutual friend, Fran Duman, happened to see a home that was available and Art went to see it that day, and signed the lease that afternoon.

"Everything fell into place," Art said. "We have more friends. People are more friendly here than any place we have ever lived. Our neighbors are so friendly and they have brought over treats for us."

[Click here to read the complete article](#)

New Reunion News

Ice Capades 2025 Reunion Cruise Announcement

'Escapades 2025 Cruise' We'll have a good time! 🎵🎵



Please click below to join the Escapades 2025 Cruise – events page and get all updates relating to the cruise.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/ice-capades-escapades-cruise-a/746073810575573/>

THIS EVENT IS BEING CREATED AND COORDINATED BY Johnna "J" Bates...

PLEASE GET YOUR \$100 DEPOSIT IN ASAP TO SECURE YOUR SPACE. **Please Note: Deposit, is Non-Refundable.**

I would like to advise you of TRIP CANCELLATION and INTERRUPTION INSURANCE - it's your individual choice. Reach out to:

www.allianztravelinsurance.com.

NOTE: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED!

Here are CABIN/CRUISE RATES based on Double Occupancy which include taxes, fees and gratuities. (Rm. Rates Does Not include your beverages nor their gratuities.) I'm trying to make it so that there are no hidden surprises when we disembark.

Rates are bound to go up between now, and 2025. Get your deposit in to secure your Cabin Rate.

Spacious Balcony: (bigger cabin space) \$703.77

Balcony: \$582.77

Ocean View: \$517.77

Inside Cabin: \$470.77

(Please note, these prices do not include the hotel. We'll get there soon)

TO SECURE YOUR CABIN AND CABIN RATES, and place your \$100.00 deposit, please contact Sheri as soon as you can at (914) 420-7808. You can also email her at scruises@aol.com. TELL HER that you are with the ICE CAPADES GROUP.

Cruise Itinerary

Ship starts boarding at noon time on Friday 4/11,

Sails at 4:30p - Arrives in Nassau at 7:00 am

Leaves at 9:00 pm - Arrives at Coco Cay at 7:00am

Ship Leaves at 5:00 pm - Arrives back in Fort Lauderdale at 7:00 am.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES are ending their 3 day cruises out of Fort Lauderdale in April, 2025. Sooo..

In an effort to make sure no one "misses the boat" -- there will be an opportunity to enjoy a cocktail party, with a jazz group the Thursday night before at a nearby hotel.

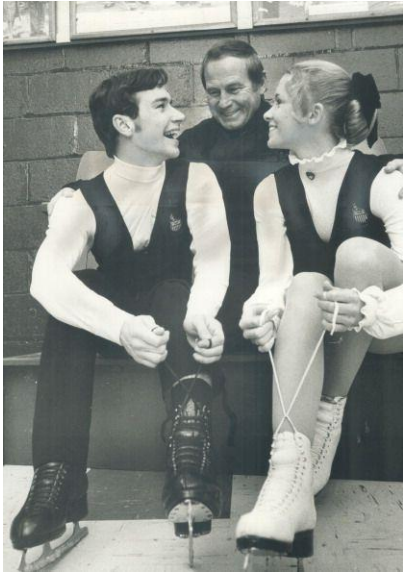
Fort Lauderdale airport is VERY close to the Port and will be close to the hotel that I decide upon. I believe we'll be able to board around Noon time on the Friday.

Also, for those who live in colder weather - you'll probably be ready for some warmer weather! 🌞🌞🌞 Ty "J" ❤️

Questions: Contact 'J' directly - dabatej@bellsouth.net

Pictures of the Month

Two Rookies and a Veteran; Jo Jo Starbuck and Ken Shelley; U.S. and North American pairs skating champions.



Two Rookies and a Veteran; Jo Jo Starbuck and Ken Shelley; U.S. and North American pairs skating champions who turned professional this year; talk with 32-year veteran Freddie Trenkler. All are with Ice Capades.

Videos of the Month

'Summer on Ice' Special



Here are a couple highlights from 'Summer on Ice 1961' TV production which featured the cast of Ice Capades and included Rosemary Clooney, Tony Randall and Tab Hunter (who skated in this!). Being a cast member of Ice Capades at that time got me in this show which was great, but what was really the best was knowing Ronnie Robertson, one of the

world's greatest skaters.

[Ronnie Robertson's "Pagliacci"](#)



[Cathy Machado & Ronnie Robertson's "Fiddle Faddle"](#)

Upcoming Events



All Skater's Reunion – It's almost here.

May 1 – 3, 2023

APRIL 17th REUNION UPDATE

[Click here to see who's coming and Reunion info.](#)

For folks who want information about the 2023 Las Vegas Ice Show Reunion, DATES: May 1-3 of 2023 (Monday-Wednesday) or are not receiving the newsletter updates, please email us at HOIFamilyreunion@gmail.com, and we'll put you on the newsletter distribution list.

Online Link to register: <https://www.formpl.us/form/6524508642738176>



Anita & myself are down in Mexico this month promoting (2) new ice rinks - We do some exhibitions and work with the local skaters. Then off to Germany to install our company

(Glacier Ice Shows) new Show "Rock On Ice 2023" at Phantasialand Theme Park. Show opens April 1, 2023 and runs through October 31, 2023 (see attached)

Link to show trailer for show opening April 1 in Bruhl, Germany at Phantasialand:

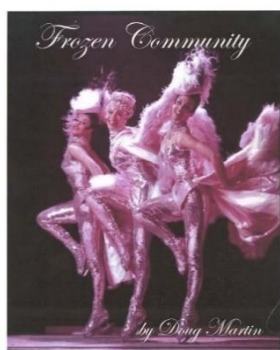
https://www.tiktok.com/@phantasialand_official/video/7113860474940247302

Link to Phantasialand - Rock On Ice

<https://www.phantasialand.de/en/theme-park/fascinating-shows/rock-on-ice/>

Frank Sweiding <fsweiding@gmail.com>

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.

When Ice Capades went to Russia -

Travelling abroad with Ice Capades had its challenges at times, including the unavailability of products we were used to having in abundance at home in the US. John Harris set up a commissary in Russia so we'd be able to purchase things that were not available there at the time, such as Coca Cola, cough drops, shaving cream, candy bars, Kleenex tissues and Maxwell House coffee. Having a 'taste of home' took some of the tension out of travel, and helped prevent skaters from feeling as if they'd been dropped off on another planet.

Remember when there was a dress code -

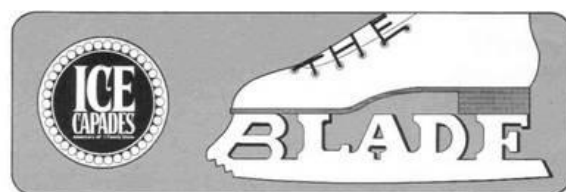
Speaking of rules, Ice Capades was the #1 show in the country and we had to dress the part. In our way, women were not allowed to wear pants in public. I owned one pair of jeans, which I could only wear on the train. But even then, if we went to the dining car, men had to wear slacks and women had to wear a dress. In the 60's, when minis were in style, the poor women of Ice Capades had to travel across Canada (and other frigid regions) exposed to mid-thigh, unable to wear pants. Enough complaints were made to management that they were finally allowed to wear matching tops and bottoms when it was extremely cold. I'm sure Mr. Harris started the dress code, and it made us feel proud to walk down the street looking dapper. But I know the women were grateful when the change was made to the code.

Let's keep Doug's legacy going. I'm sure there are more 'interesting' stories out there from your time in the show. If you would like to share, please send them to me.

ICE CAPADES REUNION RECAP



[Click here for 2022 Reunion pictures](#)



The website, www.icecapadestheblade.com has been revamped and more information has been added. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2022 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including reunion pictures

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!

USFA is Looking for Skaters



US Figure Skating for the Centennial Year is reaching out to find and connect former and current members who skated any time in USFS history to reconnect. Please consider registering!!! Share with those skating friends you stay in touch with!!

I can imagine some fun reconnecting events!!!

[Click here for more information](#)

Upcoming Events



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