

Sad News

Sandra Lynne Hamilton Frye – Jan. 9, 2025



Sandra Lynne Hamilton Frey, born on March 3, 1942, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2025, at the age of 82. Sandra was the beloved daughter of the late Henry F. Hamilton and Gladys M. Hamilton, and sister to her cherished brother, John R. Hamilton.

Sandra is survived by her three devoted sons, P. Richard Hamilton, Timothy M. Frey, and Christopher S. Frey. She was predeceased by her daughter, Theresa L. Frey, who passed at birth. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Jeremiah J. Hamilton and Rikki J. Smith, and one great-grandchild, Hamilton S. Smith. Sandra's family was the center of her world, and she was deeply proud of her children and grandchildren.

Sandra lived a vibrant and accomplished life. From an early age, she demonstrated an innate talent for performance, beginning with dance and excelling as a marimba player in the Hamilton Trio, which toured the Pocono region with her mother and brother.

Sandra's exceptional skill as a Baton Twirler earned her numerous accolades, and she was recognized in the prestigious Whos Who of Baton Twirling from 1954 to 1958. Her talents extended to professional ice skating, where she performed with the renowned touring show **Ice Capades from 1957 to 1959**.

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Patricia (Tricia) Catherine Flynn Eyman – December 24, 2024



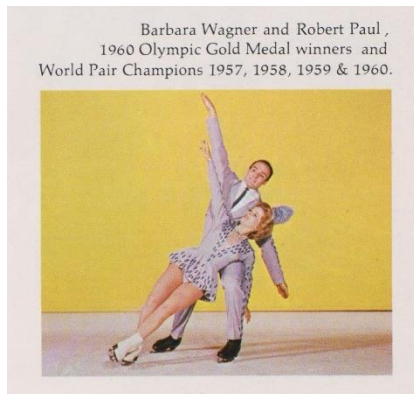
Naples, FL - Patricia (Tricia) Catherine Flynn Eyman, beloved mother, grandmother and friend passed away peacefully at AVOW Hospice House on December 26, 2024. Tricia lived life with joy and purpose, finding strength in her faith and love of family. She was 94.

Born fourth of nine children in Pittsburgh on February 17, 1930, to John Matthew and Adele Margaret (Maceluck) Flynn, Tricia attended St. Philomena grade school. In Grades 7 & 8, Tricia was selected for Saturday art classes at the Carnegie Museum and Fine Arts building and dreamed of becoming an artist. Tricia moved on to Taylor Alderdice High School and proudly became a majorette in Grade 10 through Grade 12. Tricia was also president of the Alpha Beta Chi Sorority for three years. In Grade 11, Tricia was encouraged to choose commercial secretarial courses and on graduation worked several months with Combination Windows Co.

However, Tricia also answered an advertisement for **Ice Capades** and started training in Pittsburgh, where she was picked to join the show just days before she turned eighteen.

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Bob Paul – Dec. 14, 2024



Barbara Wagner and Robert Paul,
1960 Olympic Gold Medal winners and
World Pair Champions 1957, 1958, 1959 & 1960.

Skate Canada Remembers Hall of Famer Robert Paul

Skate Canada is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert (Bob) Paul. Paul was an acclaimed pairs skater whose many accomplishments catapulted Canadian figure skating to historic heights. He died peacefully on December 19, 2024, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Joining as a team in 1952, [Paul and his partner Barbara Wagner](#) were an unstoppable force in pairs figure skating. The duo started skating together when Paul was only 13 and quickly proved to be a perfect match. They were Canadian champions for five consecutive years, North American champions for three, and World champions for four. Paul and Wagner capped off their remarkable career at the 1960 Winter Olympic Games, where they served as Canada's flagbearers for the opening ceremony and became the first North American pair to win an Olympic gold medal.

Retiring from amateur competition in 1960, Paul went on to become a celebrated skating coach and choreographer. He guided the performances of many notable athletes, including Olympic gold medalists, and later served as the director of choreography for skating productions at the Walt Disney Corporation. An icon of the sport, Paul's achievements have left an enduring impact on figure skating in Canada, and around the world. Paul's remarkable career was memorialized in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1957, the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in 1958, the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1980, and in the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in 1993.

Skate Canada offers its sincere sympathies to Bob's family and friends.

Our Alumni in the News

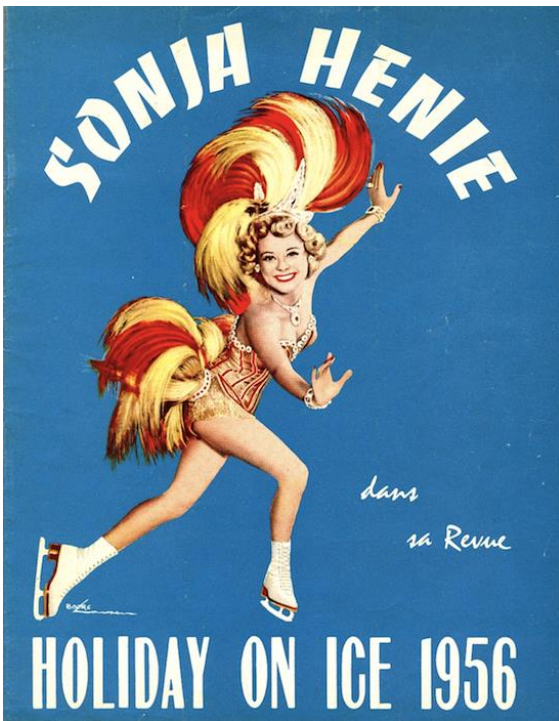
It was always fun to get together for a mini reunion.



When Ice Was Hot: A Skater Shares His Lifelong Love for Ice Show Razzle-Dazzle

By Ben Marks — January 29th, 2015

Memories of Roy Blakey



At last count, there were no less than six Disney on Ice shows touring the United States. In “Worlds of Fantasy,” costumed cartoon characters from “Toy Story,” “The Little Mermaid,” and “Cars” glide across the ice via skates strapped to their feet, fins, and tires. “Passport to Adventure” promises an icy escapade starring Pumbaa and Timon from “The Lion King” and Lilo and Stitch from their eponymous animated feature. As for the main draws in “Frozen,” you get one guess.

“Morris Chalfen was a genius. He realized ice shows needed no translation; that they would appeal to people all over the world.”

Ice shows were not always targeted so slavishly to the kiddie market. In fact, as ice-show memorabilia collector and former ice-show skater [Roy Blakey](#) told us recently, ice shows in the mid-20th century were more like variety shows, in the tradition of “The Ed Sullivan Show” on television and the Ziegfeld Follies on stage before that. Unlike the aggressively branded [Disney](#) fare that has supplanted them, ice shows were organized

around broad themes (the Caribbean, Gypsies, Dreams), which guided a show’s costume design, music, comedic interludes, and choreography. Thanks to the development of portable rinks called “tanks” that could be set up just about anywhere, ice shows were routinely performed on the stages of the nation’s grandest movie palaces to entertain moviegoers between double features, as well as in swanky nightclubs, whose clientele had definitely left the kids at home.

During his 15 years as an ice entertainer, from 1954 to 1969, Roy Blakey saw it all, performing around the world in hockey stadiums, bullrings, Roman ruins, and Rockefeller Center. But even before he laced up his first pair of skates, Blakey was collecting everything he could that was associated with ice shows. The programs mailed to him by producers of these icy spectacles in far-off places like New York City must have seemed like a lifeline of glamour for the small boy growing up in Dust Bowl-era Oklahoma, which is where Blakey’s story begins.



Above: This scene in the 1941 Sonja Henie film, “Sun Valley Serenade,” made Roy Blakey want to be a professional ice skater. Top: A Holiday on Ice poster from 1956, in which Sonja Henie is the main attraction.

Collectors Weekly: How did you first get interested in ice skating?

Blakey: When I was growing up in the early 1940s in Enid, Oklahoma, I loved roller-skating in the streets. I also loved all the movie musicals that were coming out at the time. One of them, “Sun Valley Serenade,” from 1941, starred skater Sonja Henie—that was the very first time I saw anyone ice skate. In one scene, they had painted the ice black, with all the skaters costumed in white, mirrored in the ice. It was the most magical thing I had ever seen in my life. And it was in that movie theater that I said to myself, “I have to do that,” meaning, I had to learn how to ice skate and get in an ice-skating show. At age 10, that was already my life goal.

Collectors Weekly: Did you immediately go out and get yourself a pair of ice skates?

Blakey: No, we had no ice skating facility in Enid, and that was a problem for me after having made this vow. So I concentrated on roller-skating. I got a good pair of [roller skates](#) and took a bus every Saturday to Wichita, Kansas, for roller-skating lessons. I didn’t ice skate until I got to the University of Tulsa, which had an ice rink. It’s really the same technique, except you don’t have eight pounds of clunky roller skates on your feet.

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Great Memories

Joey Tetreault shared one of his New Year’s memories

Reminded about my New Year's Eve experience while touring with Ice Capades for the 1976-1977 "Magic Time" edition. We were playing the old Boston Garden and most if not all of us were staying at the recently remodeled Dunfey's Parker House. Because so many members of the tour were staying there, my single room rate was only \$10/night!

Anyway, Dorothy Hamill had a suite at the Parker House and threw the New Year's Eve party for the company. As expected, Dorothy was a great hostess and a great time was experienced by all! To this day, it's one of my favorite New Year's Eve's memories!



Who would have known what the future would bring to Dody Baker Dimarchi? She had no idea. Her parents knew because Ice Capades informed them but they surprised her then took her to the Savoy Grill afterwards for dinner. Special memory especially because she was hired on with the show a few years later.

Ice Capades 2025 Reunion New Cruise Update Ahoy there Mateys!

[Attendee's list updated as of January 29, 2025](#)

[Click here](#)

For those attending –



I am charging a \$45.00 party gift fee, payable to me in cash or check at registration at the hotel.
It is for the bags, the surprise party gifts that go in them and the pizzas and salads at the pool party.
I have paid for some out of my own pocket. J

SAVE THE DATE!

Johnna "J" Bates is HOSTING and COORDINATING.

APRIL 10th Cocktail Party - on land, at close/local hotel.

APRIL 11th CRUISE LEAVES - Boarding generally begins at Noon, so plan to get to ship early, to get settled in your room. We'll be getting the party started early, while also starting to reconnect with friends!

MORE DETAILS TO COME... as the Event starts to come together!

You can reach J at dabatej@bellsouth.net

‘Escapades 2025 Cruise’.... We'll have a good time! 🎵🎵
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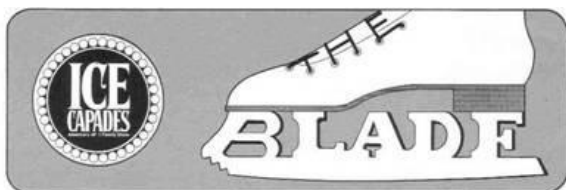
THIS EVENT IS BEING CREATED AND COORDINATED BY Johnna "J" Bates...

NOTE: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED!

Pictures from Past Reunions

All Skater's Reunion – May 1-3, 2023 Las Vegas

Ice Capades 2022 Reunion – Palm Springs – June 14-16, 2022



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!

Upcoming Events



CELEBRATING THE JOY
OF DANCING ON ICE

Ice Theatre of New York, Inc.®
presents

<https://www.icetheatre.org/>

City Skate Concerts

at Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park

January 14th and February 11th, 12:30 pm

and Wollman Rink in Central Park

January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, 6:15 pm

Ice Theatre of New York (ITNY) continues the **Winter 2024-25 City Skate Concert Series** on January 9, 2025, at 12:30pm at the Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://icetheatre.org/2024-25-city-skate-concerts.html>

Be dazzled by some of the city's most talented skaters! Ice Theatre of New York brings breathtaking ice choreography performed by their young skating apprentices and professional ensemble members to The Rink. We invite you to watch from around the rink.

Ice Theatre of New York's mission is to celebrate and advance dance on ice as a performance art. Through its performances in both traditional and site-specific venues, ITNY presents ice dance that helps to open one's eyes to seeing skating in new and unexpected ways.



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