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RIP, David! 🥺🛼❤️




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It is with deep sadness that we share with you the passing of David Hicks, a long-time presence in our skating community and cherished member of the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club. David's dedication and passion for skating have left a lasting impact. He was there for many of our kids' and adults' first time on the ice, always fostering a love of the art of skating and cheering on the efforts of all — from world competitors to determined beginners. Over the years while running Learn to Skate in Oakland, David watched a number of students go from Tiny Tots to the highest levels of the sport, and couldn't have been prouder. He also was a big supporter of Oakland Ice Center's special skaters program, which advanced inclusiveness for all. As a dear friend noted, David was "a champion for everyone."

Long before his role managing skating programs in Oakland, David was an accomplished skater himself — a national competitor in singles and pairs in the mid- to later 1970s, and as an Ice Capades performer in the early to mid-1980s. He also danced professionally with Oakland Ballet.

David will be greatly missed! Please join us in remembering him and celebrating his life, and consider sharing any memories in comments.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to all of David's family and friends. ❤️



Therese (Hefe) Shelven – March 3, 2025



Therese A. Shelven (nee Hefe), 87, of Riverside, died on March 3, 2025. Born on April 1, 1937, she was a longtime teacher. A graduate of Michigan State University and Rosary College, she skated with the **Ice Capades** for many years, touring all over the country. She was an exceptional quilter and made them for her family and friends; she loved to garden, bake, cook and spend time with family, especially during family dinners.

Therese was the wife of the late Gerald; the mother of Julia Rastelli, Patrick Shelven, Nancy Shelven and the late Timothy Shelven; grandmother of Nicholas, Gabriella and Analisa Rastelli, and Joseph and Sam Shelven; sister of the late Francis (late Jacqueline) Hefe; and the aunt of Jennifer Wald, Michelle Biver, Anne Sommers and Peggy Marshall.

[Click here for the complete obituary](#)

In the News

**Figure Skaters' Favorites III –
Recipes, Reflections, and Remembrances**

In honor and memory of those lost in the tragic crash of Flight 5342 in Washington, DC, we are creating the Volume 3 of our cookbooks.

Be a part of this very special book by contributing your favorite recipe(s) and perhaps sharing some memories as well.

**All members of the skating community are encouraged to participate.
Great project for Skating Clubs!**

Visit SkatersCookbook.com for more information or to submit recipes.

All proceeds will be donated to the US Figure Skating Family Support Fund.

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR SKATING FRIENDS!

The figure skating world was rocked to its core in late January by the tragic loss of 28 members of our extended “family.” In memory and honor of those we have lost, Michelle Capron has begun the process of creating Volume III of the **Figure Skaters' Favorites** cookbook series.

Figure Skaters' Favorites III - Recipes, Reflections, and Remembrances will be in memory and celebration of the lives of those we recently lost, with ALL of the proceeds going to the USFS Family Support Fund. She wanted it to be a way for members of the skating community to be part of the memorial process individually and collectively as we all begin to recover and heal from this tragic loss.

Michelle is inviting ALL members of the skating community to participate by contributing recipes for this cookbook, and to include brief memories or reflections about skating or about those we have lost. She hopes that you will consider submitting a recipe (you're welcome to send more than one!), and that you will share this information with your skating friends, encouraging them to participate as well.

If you have purchased either of the first two cookbook volumes, you know that the book comes in an elegant padded ring binder and includes divider tabs for each section, brief biographies of each contributor, recipe hints, and more. They are very nice quality and make wonderful gifts.

She is targeting the books to come out by the end of 2025, in time for holiday gift-giving. Cost will be \$40 each. Copies of Volume III can be reserved starting Saturday for a \$20 deposit, with balance and shipping cost due prior to shipment.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please visit SkatersCookbook.com or feel free to contact [Michelle Capron at SkatersCookbook.com](mailto:Michelle.Capron@SkatersCookbook.com).

(Submission deadline will likely be in early August, but please submit soon while this project is top-of-mind).

Our Alumni remembered



My name is Glenda Rehor-Callahan.

My coach was Suzanne Shipstad, of the famous family of Shipstad & Johnson Ice Follies. I trained at the Pickwick Ice Arena in Burbank, CA. I graduated at 17 yrs old, in June of 1967, from Granada Hills High School. It was located in the San Fernando Valley of Southern California.

A month later I was on a plane to Duluth, MN. It was 6-8 wks of rehearsals before my first opening night. It was absolutely magical!

About mid way through my first tour, I was asked to train with a new cast member, Canadian skater, Peter Gibbon's. We trained to be pair skating understudies.

We skated for Roy & Sandi Wagelein and Jorge & Helga Valle. We filled in for them as needed and it was an honor to do so.

My second season on tour, I was the girl in the bubble as part of "The Ritual of the Waters" production number.

I roomed with lots of different skaters over the years that I was on tour. They were all like my sisters. One of those sisters was Tina Noyes. She actually connected me with The Blade newsletter. Thank you Tina!

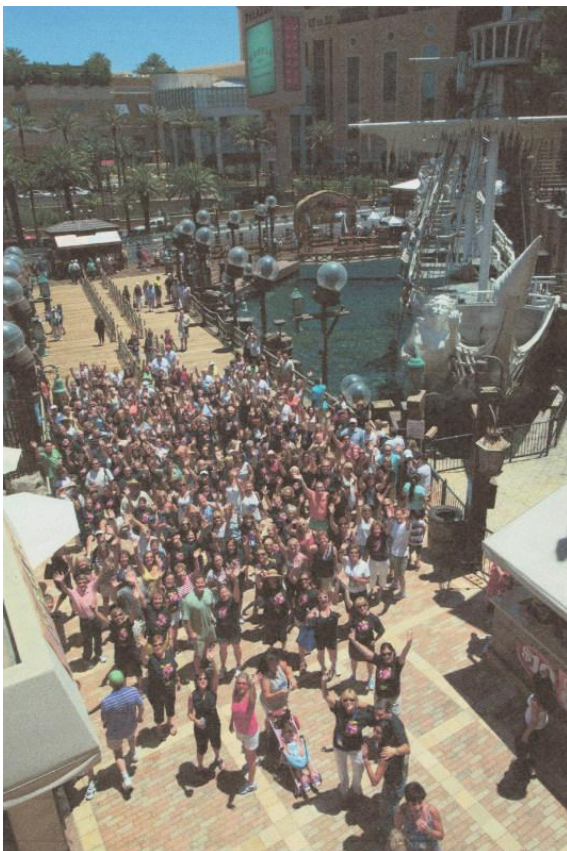
I left **Ice Capades** in December 1970. I then married a Vietnam Veteran in June of 1971.

In June 2025 we will have been married 54 years. We have 3 children, 2 adopted and one is biological and we have 1 granddaughter.

A Few More Reunion Memories







70th Reunion – flash mob <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCUIiYN6Ih4>





75th reunion flash mob - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejPbbFYkJV>



It's time to make NEW memories
April 11 – 14, 2025



Ice Capades 2025 Reunion New Cruise Update

Ahoy there Mateys!

The Reunion is here.

Attendee's list updated as of January 29, 2025

[Click here](#)

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! 🎵🎵

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

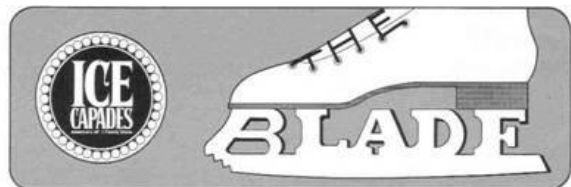
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THIS EVENT IS BEING CREATED AND COORDINATED BY Johnna "J" Bates...

NOTE: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED!

All Pictures from Past Reunions

Can be seen on www.icecapadestheblade.com



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



Ice Theatre of New York, Inc.®
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<https://www.icetheatre.org/>

The poster is for the 40th Anniversary Benefit Gala of Ice Theatre of New York. It features a black background with white and gold text. At the top left is the Ice Theatre of New York logo. The main title is '40TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT GALA' in large white capital letters, followed by 'Monday, May 5, 2025'. Below this is 'HONORING SCOTT HAMILTON!' in white capital letters. There are two images: a portrait of Scott Hamilton on the left and a photo of him performing on ice on the right. Below the images is 'LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD' in white capital letters. The bottom section contains event details: 'ITNY's 40th Anniversary Benefit Gala and Performance Monday, May 5th, 2025 at 6:30 PM', 'Performance, Cocktails, Dinner, and Award Ceremony. The Lighthouse Chelsea Piers.', 'The Gala Performance will feature the ITNY Ensemble, ITNY Performing Apprentices, and Guest Artists!', 'TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW - Click Here!', and a closing line: 'Join the celebration by taking a moment to share your thoughts, memories or good wishes in our Annual Benefit Journal. To reserve your space - Click Here!'.

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BENEFIT GALA**
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ITNY 2025 Home Season - performances May 2, 3 and 5, 2025 - Ticket and information at icetheatre.org/tickets

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