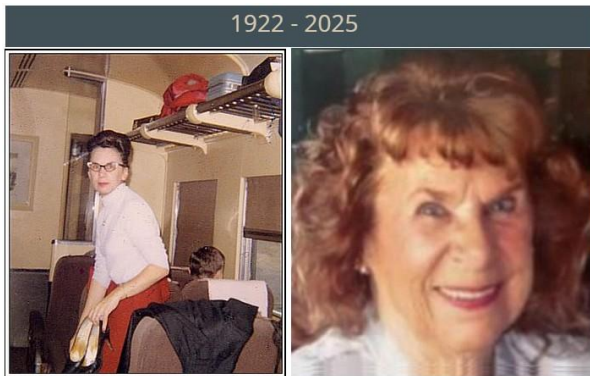


Sad News

Lucille Hasley Creighton Miller - Apr 8, 2025



Age 102, of Williamsville, NY. Lucille Hasley passed peacefully in her sleep. She was preceded in death by two loving husbands, Harry Hasley and William D. Creighton. She is survived by two step-children Susan Niehaus and Linda Hasley. Lucille lived a full and long life traveling the world first as an ice skater in the **Ice Capades** and Holiday on Ice shows and then as the administrator and business manager for the shows. When she retired from the shows, she traveled to build ice rinks around the world and ran a company designing and making skating outfits. To top it off, she was a competitive bowler well into her 80s. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Thursday, April 24th

from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 6:45PM. Interment in Green Lawn Cemetery, Kansas City, MO. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

John Adams – March 31, 2025



John Gerald Adams passed over the river on March 31, 2025, his pain and suffering will be no more. Johnny was born in Miami, Florida on April 18, 1944. His parents were Mary Lois Franklin and Gerald Benton Adams. The family home was on the south side of the Miami River near the Musa Isle Indian Village. Growing up, he played with his young Indian friends on our property and at the village and they became life-long friends. Johnaki as they called him, accompanied them to the Green Corn Dance in the Big Cypress and was honored to witness their traditional ceremonies and

knowledge.

Young John loved to roller skate and eventually an ice-skating rink was established in Miami and John learned to ice skate well. It was how he met his lovely wife to be Janice Rogers and they both were hired by the Ice Capades Company. Traveling with Ice Capades took him to many other countries. He had three months off in the Summer from the show. He loved to fish and go frogging in his airboat when he was home.

When the show was in Australia he was injured in a collision by another skater. Thus began his transition from a skater to the sound man for **Ice Capades** especially enjoying the live music for the show back then. His career with Ice Capades lasted thirty years and he was known by his skating friends as the Ice-Snake John. John retired back to Florida in Everglades City where he could roam the swamps, fish, hunt and airboat with his family members and dear friend Gary Merritt. He was an outdoor character, how many people, if any, paid their accountant with pounds of frog legs? John did. He was a member of the Bears Den Camp in Big Cypress, which he loved dearly.

John eventually worked for the National Park Service on the Roads & Trails division in Big Cypress National Preserve until he retired. Operating swamp buggies and airboats and sharing the area with others was what he enjoyed the most among his duties.

John was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Jerry and Lois, sister Nancy Elaine (Layne) Adams Slough, his nephew Jonathan (JT) Travis Adams, nephew Phillip Christopher Slough and his former wife Janice Rogers Adams Smith.

John is survived by his son John Travis Adams and his wife Tanya Adams, grandson Andrew Travis Adams and his wife Brooke Adams, granddaughter Arianna Yvonne Adams Pence and husband Christian Pence, great grandson Wellington Lee Adams and great granddaughter Georgia Layne Adams, brother Franklin Adams and his wife Kathy Adams, niece Heather Alene Sweet, great nephew Michael Phillip Sweet, brother-in-law Phil Slough, niece Kristen Quinn, great niece Kaelyn Quinn Edwards, great-nephews James Quinn and Ian Quinn.

John had requested that there be no service on his behalf. The family will make a remembrance in honor of John for family and close friends at a later date. His ashes as he requested, will join the others in Big Cypress around the campfire.

Contributions to John's memory may be made to the Friends of the Everglades at www.everglades.org or 3727 SE Ocean Blvd Suite 200 Stuart, FL 34996

In Loving Memory of Carole Raye Kirsako Bartko

April 10, 1941 – April 8, 2025



Carole Raye Kirsako Bartko passed away peacefully just two days before her 84th birthday, leaving behind a legacy defined by grace, warmth, and enduring connection. A cherished member of the skating community and a beloved friend to many, Carole's life was filled with elegance, generosity, and deep-rooted friendships that spanned decades.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Carole began skating early and quickly found joy and belonging on the ice. Her talent and presence led her to the **Ice Capades**, where she performed from 1961 to 1967—an experience she treasured for the rest of her life. The friendships formed during those years remained among her most valued, and Carole was the heart of that extended family—keeping in touch, organizing reunions, and reminding us all of the importance of staying connected.

After the show, Carole worked as an administrative assistant at LTV Steel, and later moved to Cleveland with her beloved husband, Joe. Though her professional path shifted, her passion for skating never waned. She remained active with both the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Skating Clubs, where she was a loyal presence and a steady supporter of the sport she loved.

Carole had a vibrant life beyond skating as well. She was an accomplished dancer and performed for many years with a local Cleveland group. Her love for animals ran deep—so much so that she worked in a veterinary clinic after retiring and was affectionately known in her neighborhood as the “dog whisperer.” She brought that same kindness and intuitive care to her friendships, always thoughtful, always generous.

Her presence was magnetic—equal parts elegance and ease. Whether enjoying a favorite Cosmopolitan, sharing stories with friends, or simply being the one to pick up the phone and check in, Carole had a way of making people feel seen, valued, and remembered.

Predeceased by her husband Joseph Bartko, Carole leaves behind a community of dear friends who will carry her memory with love and gratitude. She was the one who held us together, the one who never let time or distance get in the way of a good friendship.

We will miss her terribly—but we are better for having known her. And we will continue to honor her by staying close, showing up for each other, and living with the same grace and generosity she showed us all.

With love and light, Chris, Terri and Jewel

NEW memories were made at the Ice Capades Reunion Cruise 2025





Group with the cast of Encore



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In the News



Dear Ice Show Friends!

I am reaching out to you because you are a member of my uncle Roy Blakey's beloved community of skaters. I consider you my community as well, having the pleasure of accompanying Roy to so many reunions. That inspiration led me to become a filmmaker and create **THE FABULOUS ICE AGE**. Through that experience I have had the honor of laughing, crying, and remembering the beauty and joy of theatrical figure skating.



Beyond the film, Roy and I hosted countless visits from touring skaters, eager to see Roy's 44,000+ piece Ice Stage Archive. **This community has lifted up both Roy and me throughout the years, as we diligently shepherded the history and legacy of this sport in our little studio in Minneapolis.** It has been an honor.

As you may know, Roy passed peacefully on August 23, 2024 at 94-years-old. What you may not know is what happens now.

When I started making THE FABULOUS ICE AGE (2013), I originally intended to tell Roy's amazing life story. Then it became clear that no one had told the story of the history of dancing on ice and so the film, although it included Roy and his collection, worked to fill this void. **Now I am committed to finishing what I started. I am making that film to celebrate Roy Blakey; my uncle, companion, and mentor, called UNCLE ROY.**



Some of you know the incredible chapters of Roy's life beyond the rink and for some this journey will be like opening a brand new door into the life of this delightful man.

UNCLE ROY: As her 93-year-old uncle Roy develops life-threatening dementia, filmmaker Keri Pickett's decades-long quest to secure a home for his legendary nude male photography and theatrical ice-skating collection takes on a new urgency. The race to preserve his artistic legacy before his final curtain call is on.



On April 15th, 2025, UNCLE ROY will launch publicly with an ambitious crowdfunding campaign to raise \$40,000 in 40 days on [Kickstarter](#) to finish UNCLE ROY.

As part of Roy's skating family, I hope that you might be interested in becoming involved in this project to help secure his legacy for future generations.

Donate – Be one of the first to support this film on [Kickstarter](#). The first couple of days are critical to its success because a strong financial start signals to others to join in. We have fun rewards for backers and you can be one of the first people to see the finished film!

- Tell your friends – Even if you can't afford to support this film financially, sharing a link to the [Kickstarter](#) campaign on social media or sending friends an email letting them know would be a HUGE help to us. We've created [a sample letter](#), where all you need to add is copy/paste into an email and personal greeting.
- Become a producer – If you are in the position to give more, we are offering levels of participation that include listing in the film's credits as an Executive Producer and much more. You could fulfill your dreams to be part of a filmmaking team! If this is something of interest, please reach out to me directly and we can talk through the possibilities!

This is the only email you will receive from me in this format, as I respect your privacy and this list. Should you wish to follow the project and/or receive email updates, please:

Follow UNCLE ROY on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

- Join our UNCLE ROY email update list by visiting our [website](#) where there is a link to add your name to the mailing list.

Thank you again for all you have been to Roy and me over the years. I miss him so much. **This ice show world community means the world to me and I hope you will join me in making sure that Roy Blakey will not be forgotten.**

Respectfully,
Keri Pickett , Director, UNCLE ROY



Vintage World Team Challenge Video



Click here - [1978 The World Skate Challenge - Ice Capades vs. Ice Show Stars \(Cranston, Lynn, Magnussen\)](#)

Thank you Ken Shook for finding this gem.

A Dick Button concept for the professional skating scene, creating teams of Canada's Ice Show Stars versus Ice Capades stars completing individual elements in a fun team format. The skaters are Toller Cranston, Janet Lynn, Karen Magnussen, Gordon McKellen, Wendy Burge, Kath Malmberg, Candy Jones & Don Fraser, Janet & Mark Hominuke, Donald Knight, Richard Ewell, Jojo Starbuck & Ken Shelley, and Melissa Militano & Johnny Johns. This concept of solo element competition would later be seen as a very small part of The Battle of the Sexes pro competitions in the 90s, and the short-lived Top Jump competition of the early 2000s. Apologies for the poor video quality.

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



CELEBRATING THE JOY
OF DANCING ON ICE

Ice Theatre of New York, Inc.®

presents

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

HOME SEASON

MAY 2 7:00PM
MAY 3 7:00PM
MAY 5* 6:30PM

PERFORMANCES BY ITNY ENSEMBLE
AND SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST ILIA MALININ (*MAY 5th ONLY)

The poster features a collage of black and white photographs of ice skaters in various poses. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The dates and times are listed in a grid format.

40TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT GALA
Monday, May 5, 2025
GUEST ARTIST, 2X WORLD CHAMPION
ILIA MALININ

**HONORING SCOTT HAMILTON
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

The poster features a large photograph of a male ice skater in a white jacket and black pants, performing a move. To the right is a portrait of a man in a suit. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

Ticket and information at icetheatre.org/tickets

Dietak PRODUCTIONS
LIVE AUDITIONS
JUNE 1, 2025
LOS ANGELES, CA
2PM-3:30PM

KINGS ICE LA KINGS ICE BURBANK 1001 W RIVERSIDE DR, BURBANK, CA 91508

The poster features a night view of the Los Angeles skyline with the city lights. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The Dietak Productions logo is at the top.

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