



Hans Mueller

March 7, 1931 - August 26, 2021

It is with tremendous sadness that Jewel Steele announces the passing of Hans A. Mueller; her life partner of 35 years.

Born March 7, 1931, in Zürich, Switzerland, Hans was a butcher by trade, working at the family business. Yet his real passion came from figure skating. Starting off on roller-skates, Hans swiftly transitioned to figure skating, where he became the 1955 Swiss National Champion, competed in the 1955 and 1956 World Champions and then represented Switzerland for the 1956 VII Olympic Winter Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

Following the Olympics, Hans headed to America aboard the Queen Mary. Arriving in New York and making his way to Atlantic City he joined the Ice Capades. Together with his skating partner, Darlene Ripepe, in the resoundingly successful act, "Hans and Pepe," he spent the next two decades touring throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. After leaving Ice Capades, in 1976, Hans and Pepe continued the act, touring through Europe with Ice Parade.

In the late 1970s, Hans decided to settle down in California, where he began a coaching career at the Skating Edge, formerly know as the Olympic Ice Arena. There he would spend the next three decades training a virtually endless roster of champion skaters. On June 17, 1983, in celebration of the country he loved so dearly that he chose to make it his permanent home, Hans arguably became the proudest American Citizen.

Along with Jewel, Hans is survived by many friends and family who love and adore him, including his nieces: Monika Canova, Corina Canova, Karin Kuhn and Barbara Müller.

The memorial service will take place Thursday, September 9, 2021, 11:00 AM, at Green Hills Memorial Park — 27501 South Western Avenue, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275.

Thank you to Caring House for the wonderful care and dignity they provided to Hans in his final days. Having their support made a world of difference during this difficult time. To make a donation in Hans' memory, please visit yourcaringhouse.org/donate.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Green Hills Memorial Park
27501 S. Western Ave.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Tribute Wall

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“ In honor of your wonderful kindnesses and joyful demeanor Hans...I SALUTE YOU and the memories we shared. Thank you; see you later.

LORIN O'NEIL - September 30, 2021 at 05:56 PM

TT

“ In the many years that we worked with Hans, I never once saw him in a bad mood. He was always upbeat with a smile for everyone.

Tony Tauber - September 29, 2021 at 01:52 PM

TT

“ Hans had such a huge influence on my skating, my coaching career and my life. He was very tough, but you always knew he cared. There are so many lessons from skating that he helped instill in me that have carried over to other areas of my life. I hadn't seen him in over 20 years, but it's amazing to think of how many lives he touched. Rest in peace, Hans. And thank you.



Terri Tarquini - September 07, 2021 at 09:01 AM

DG

“ I met Hans long after Ice Capades. He and Jewell were the perfect partnership. While over the years, we have lost touch, I never lost touch of my appreciation of knowing him. My love to you and your family you lovely, kind man...❤️ Darlene Gilbert

Darlene Gilbert - September 05, 2021 at 10:28 PM

SP

“ Hans was one of the kindest and sweetest people I met while on the road with Ice Capades.....a special person that I will always have fond memories of. RIP dear Hans! Sonia Burling Polson

Sonia Burling Polson - September 03, 2021 at 02:12 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Darlene ""Pepe" Anthony - September 02, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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Darlene ""Pepe" Anthony - September 02, 2021 at 10:08 PM

RC

“ *My dearest Hans... Teaching with you for 30 years at the Olympic (also known as the skating edge)was a joy and an honor... I remember the day that you became an American citizen... I gave you a little American flag pin that you were proudly for years... those years of friendship I will treasure forever...love,Roberta*

Roberta Buswell Campbell - September 02, 2021 at 05:39 PM

DA

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Darlene ""Pepe" Anthony - September 02, 2021 at 05:34 PM

DA

“ My Dearest Hans,

I am devastated today. But I am also so grateful for the years we had as sk8g partners, the friendship, the life lessons...we did it all together. My life was more colorful and complete because you. I will miss you dearly.

There are no good-byes for us, wherever you are , you will always be in my heart.

*Lovingly,
Pepe*

Darlene ""Pepe" Anthony - September 02, 2021 at 05:20 PM

CM

Rest in peace sweet Hans it was truly a pleasure to have worked with you all those years in Ice Capades. Forever in my heart. LOL Carolyn

carolyn Hartling Michaels - September 03, 2021 at 10:22 AM

WG

Hans Mueller was one of the kindest men I ever worked with.

Being the Hans of "Hans and Pepe," made him an Ice Capades superstar. "Hans and Pepe," artistic comedians on ice brought millions of laughs from thousands of people with their many years as stars of Ice Capades. "Hans and Pepe," were stellar.

My sincere sympathy to all the loved ones Hans leaves behind. I can only hope when it's my time to go I can leave behind as much kindness as Hans Mueller.

Will Grendahl

Will Grendahl - September 08, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KS

Although I never had the opportunity to skate in the show with Hans, he was instrumental in helping get my skating career underway by helping with the purchase of my first pair of pro skates. A friendship evolved and I looked forward to hearing from him each Christmas over the next 40+ years and at our Ice Capades reunions.

Rest in Peace my friend until we meet again someday.

Ken Shook

Ken Shook - September 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MC

*Hans you were one of my special friends in Icecapades
Always smiling and so kind. I still have the picture of you
With the Clown Doll I made for you.*

Rest In Peace.

Maria Reilly Calderon

Maria Reilly Calderon - September 30, 2021 at 04:29 PM