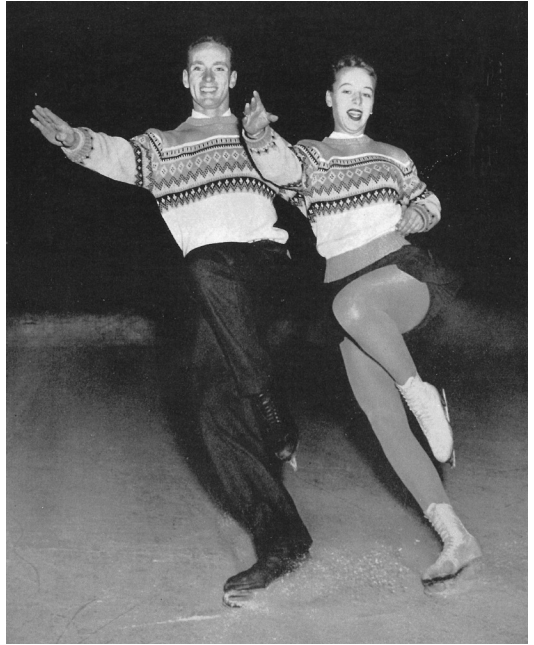


Nancy (Rouillard) Graham

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Four Time U.S. Pairs Skating Champion 1057, 1958, 1959, 1960 Third Place World Champion 1959 Olympic Bronze Medal 1960 U. S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame

Born into a skating family, Nancy Rouillard began her ice skating career at a very early age. Her mother, Irene, was an accomplished and competitive skater. Both Nancy and her mother were members of the Commonwealth Skating Club of Boston. During her years at Stoneham High School, Nancy had a very rigorous daily schedule. She attended classes in the morning, skating practice all afternoon, and homework in the evening. In order to participate in skating competitions, Nancy had to submit an affidavit from the principal as to her excellence in scholarship. Also, she could not have missed more than two weeks of school during the skating season.



As a Sophomore, Nancy won the 1955 Jr. Ladies Championship. In 1956 she joined with Ron Ludington to win the U. S. Jr. Pairs Championship in Philadelphia. In 1957 Nancy and Ron advanced to the U. S. Skating Pairs Championships where they won first place. Nancy graduated from Stoneham High in 1957. She and Ron married within the year. As a married couple, they furthered their career by capturing the U. S. Pairs Championships in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960.

In 1958, after successfully defending their U. S. Pairs Championships in Minneapolis, Nancy and Ron, along with Carol Heiss and Tim Brown, were invited by Prince Takeda of Japan to tour his country giving exhibitions in various Japanese cities. Nancy's brother, Roger, who was stationed in Hawaii, accompanied the skaters on their tour.

In 1960, Nancy and Ron were chosen to represent the United States in the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, California. Although fighting the flu, Nancy had to curtail many necessary practice sessions so vital in the high 6200' elevation of Squaw Valley. Nancy persisted throughout an exhausting, difficult five minute routine. According to one Seattle newspaper, "the Ludingtons were the stars of the show. Their breathtaking high lifts and sensational spins brought down the house while the smoothness of their footwork in absolute unison brought near maximum marks." Nancy and Ron captured the Bronze Medal for the U. S. Team!

After the Olympics, Nancy retired from competitive skating to become a coach and raise her daughter, Karen Irene. She and Ron were soon separated. In 1967 Nancy married Frank Graham; they had a son, Neil. Nancy currently resides in the idyllic seaside community of Surry, Maine