

## WAYNE & NATALIE SEYBOLD



Wayne and Natalie Seybold lived the All-American story. Raised in a trailer park on the south side of Marion, the Seybold's parents gave up a larger home to help fund Wayne and Natalie's dream to become world class ice skaters. The community also believed in their quest and helped fund the hometown hero pair by raising 40 thousand dollars to help cover traveling costs. Wayne and Natalie were determined to make their community proud and spent hours and hours of learning the art of skating, choreography, picking the right music, costumes, routine and working on proper technique. In 1985, the sacrifice paid off and they placed second in the U.S. Championships and 9th in the World Championships!

They continued to place high in U.S. and World Championships for the next 4 years and perhaps the biggest highlight was when Wayne and Natalie represented the United States in the 1988 Olympic Games.

Wayne went on to produce professional ice skating shows for years until he later decided to come home and make a difference. Wayne Seybold was elected as the Mayor of Marion and has served two terms for his community to date. Wayne continues to inspire young people's dreams by taking them to the International Children's games. Two recent books refer to Wayne as an Indiana Legend, *Indiana Legends* and *Legendary Hoosiers*. Wayne's most proud accomplishment is that of his marriage with Jennifer Seybold and three sons Michael, John and James. Natalie has a family and lives in Indianapolis, but comes home often to where the dream began ... Marion Indiana.