



**Colleen O'Connor & Jim Milns**: They won the hearts of millions of Americans by taking the Bronze medal as Ice Dancing made its debut at the 1976 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck. The 25-year-old O'Connor, a Chicago native, and the 27-year-old Milns, born in Toledo, had trained under Doreen Denny at The Broadmoor Skating Club at the old World Arena in preparation for their Olympic challenge. They had been U.S. Champions in 1974, 1975 and 1976, and had placed 7<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the World Championships as the discipline headed for its inaugural at Innsbruck. At the Games, they won a surprising bronze behind two Soviet teams to make the medals podium. It would be thirty years until another American ice dancing medal, when Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto took the bronze medal in Torino this year. Milns and O'Connor were inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1993.