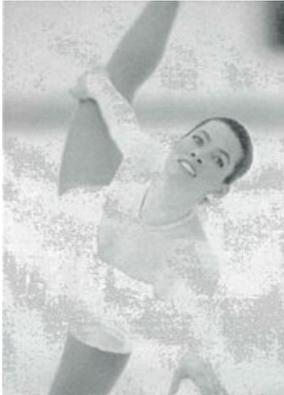


## Nancy Kerrigan

1987 - Distinguished  
Alumni



Olympic Silver medalist Nancy Kerrigan's highly decorated figure skating career had some pretty simple beginnings before learning the ins and outs of her highly-stylized sport on the frozen sheet at the Stoneham Arena. Kerrigan, a 1987 graduate of Stoneham High School, was a self-described "tomboy" as a little girl; a tag-along little sister simply trying to keep up with the longer skating strides of her big brothers, Michael and Mark, at the Arena. But rather than pursue the game of ice hockey, as her brothers did, Kerrigan opted for the majestic world of figure skating and performed in her first ice show at the age of six. The countless hours and early morning ice times at the Stoneham Arena and other local rinks, combined with Kerrigan's indefatigable work ethic, eventually produced a world class skater during her high school years.

Kerrigan didn't play any organized sports while at Stoneham High School, and received special permission from SHS Principal Tom Ryan to arrive at school later than her classmates due to her intensive training schedule. The hard work paid off when Kerrigan, who was being coached by the husband and wife team of Evy and Mary Scotvold, burst onto the world figure skating scene when she finished third at the 1991 US Nationals. Kerrigan then took home the Bronze Medal in the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France before memorably winning the Silver Medal at the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

Following her inspiring medal-winning performance, the Town of Stoneham organized a parade in her honor that ended with, appropriately enough, a figure skating show at the Stoneham Arena – the place where her Olympic dreams began as a little girl.

Kerrigan has appeared in numerous movies and TV specials, including hosting Saturday Night Live, since turning professional after the 1994 Olympic Games. She then settled in Lynnfield with her husband/agent Jerry Solomon and their two sons.