

Inline Skate Sisters' Reach for the Stars

Everly Pearl Livingston (b. 9/27/2010) and Alydia Steele Livingston (b.9/28/2013) grew up in a family of avid skaters. Their father, Peter Livingston, played for the Washington Junior Capitols traveling team in high school. Roller skating was their mother's favorite childhood and teenage pastime. Both girls were put on ice skates by the time they were two years old. Their father hoped they would become ice hockey players but his dreams were dashed when the girls saw the sparkle and glitter of figure skating dresses. The sport came naturally to them as they worked hard, passed quickly through the US Figure Skating test levels and began competing in figure skating competitions by the age of four.

When the COVID pandemic hit in 2020, ice arenas closed their doors. What were two girls with a passion to skate to do?! Their mother, remembering her early love for roller skating, suggested they outfit the girls with pic-skates (roller inline frames). Everly and Alydia transferred quickly to pic-skates as they began to skate in parking garages and on tennis and basketball courts. Their father took them on early morning excursions into Washington, D.C., where they tried to catch the rising sun as they skated and performed their jumps and spins in front of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol Building. Every spring with the blooming of the cherry blossoms the girls headed into D.C. to glide through the snowy pink splendor of the Tidal Basin. The world had become their arena!

Everly and Alydia found that friction was greater on land versus ice, and it was harder to do hockey stops, three turns, brackets and spins. Even so the girls gracefully made the transition to pic-skates and were soon doing lutzes, camel spins, toe loops and salchows on pic-skates as well as they did on ice skates. The family began to make the long drive from their home in Ashburn, Virginia, to AJ Skateworld in Appomattox, Virginia, where the girls worked with Coach Natalie Motley to perfect their inline skating skills and choreograph competition programs.

Everly and Alydia found that ice skating and pic-skating complimented each other. Pic-skating strengthened their legs for skating on ice and the skating skills and moves were easier to perfect on ice and then transfer to pic-skates. They both continued to practice and compete in both sports after the COVID pandemic. In 2022, 2023 and 2024 they competed at the USARS (USA Roller Sports) Southeastern Regional Championships where they became regional champions, qualifying for Nationals. At the 2023 USARS National competition in Lincoln Nebraska Everly became the Junior Inline Ladies World Skate Gold Medalist.

Everly Pearl, Alydia Steele and their parents Peter and Donna Livingston were among the twenty-eight members of the US Figure Skating community who died January 29, 2025 on Flight 5342. Although they are no longer with us, Everly and Alydia's legacy will inspire skaters forever.

Accomplishments

- USARS National Virtual Invitational Competition April 2021
Everly Livingston - Youth Inline Girls - 1st Place
- USARS RollerDome Invitational Competition May 2021 Richmond, VA
Everly Livingston - Youth Inline Girls - 1st Place
- USARS National Virtual Invitational Competition April 2022
Everly Livingston - Youth Inline Girls - 1st Place
- USARS Southeastern Regional Championships June 2022 Odenton, MD - Youth Inline Girls
Everly Livingston - 1st Place
Alydia Livingston - 2nd Place
- USARS Wheels Invitational Competition Odenton, MD March 2023
Junior Inline Free Skating Ladies – **Everly Livingston** - 1st Place,
Youth Inline Girls Free skating - **Alydia Livingston** - 1st Place
- USARS Southeastern Regional Championships Greensboro, NC June 2023
Junior Inline Free Skating Ladies - **Everly Livingston** - 1st Place
Youth Inline Girls Free skating - **Alydia Livingston** - 1st Place
- USARS National Championships Lincoln, NE July 2023
Junior Ladies Inline Free skating
Everly Livingston - [1st Place National Champion](#)
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Junior Inline Free Skating Ladies - **Everly Livingston** - 1st Place
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Martha Livingston – 04/10/2025

