



ALUMNI PROFILE

WHO IS ANGELA BAILEY?

Athletics

Silver Medal – 4 x 100m Relay

1978, 1982 and 1986 Commonwealth Games

Angela Bailey was one of Canada's best known sprinters during the 1970's and '80's. She competed at three Commonwealth Games and won a silver medal in the 4 x 100m Relay at each one.

Born in Coventry, England, Angela Bailey moved to Canada in 1974 and took up track in high school. She became Canadian junior national champion in the 100m at the age of 16. Angela first made her mark in international athletics at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. She finished 4th in the 200m, 6th in the 100m, and helped her team win Silver in the 4 x 100m Relay.

Two years later at the Pan Am Junior Track and Field Championships, she won a gold medal in the 100m and 200m. Angela was also selected to be part of the 1980 Canadian Olympic team but did not get the chance to compete because of the Canadian decision to boycott the Moscow Games in protest of the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

At the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia, she again won silver in the 4 x 100m Relay, and finished 4th in the 100m and 7th in the 200m.

Angela was selected to the Canadian team for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, where she placed sixth in the 100m and won an Olympic Silver Medal in the 4 x 100m relay.

She was back at the Commonwealth Games in 1986 where she picked up her third consecutive Commonwealth Silver Medal in the 4 x 100m Relay. She also finished fourth in the 100m.

In July 1987, Angela Bailey set the Women's Canadian 100m record with a time of 10.98 seconds - a record that still stands more than 30 years later. With a time of 23.32 seconds, Angela Bailey also still holds the Canadian indoor track record for the Women's 200m.

Angela's final Olympics were the 1988 Games in Seoul, Korea, where she was a quarter-finalist in the 100m. She continued to compete in international events up until 1999, attending both the World Championships and Pan American Games that year.

Before her track career had ended, Bailey attended Queen's University and earned a law degree in 1996. She was called to the Bar of Ontario in September 2003.

Commonwealth Sport Canada was sad to hear of the passing of Angela Bailey in July of 2021.

