# British Olympic Swimming Champion David Wilkie Dies at 70



British Olympic swimming champion David Wilkie passed away at the age of 70. His family confirmed he died peacefully on Wednesday morning after battling cancer, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to Scottish parents, Wilkie won his first major medal, a bronze, at the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. He went on to win his first World Championship gold in 1973 and secured both 100m and 200m breaststroke World titles in 1975.

Wilkie achieved his greatest triumph at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, where he won the 200m breaststroke gold and set a new world record by shaving over three seconds off the previous time. Additionally, he earned two Olympic silver medals and three world titles during his career.

After retiring at age 22, Wilkie received an MBE in 1977 and later became a successful businessman. He is survived by his wife Helen and children Natasha and Adam.