

1. Enith Brigitha

Aktual:

Sra. Enith Brigitha ta na Korsou ku su famia. Esnan presente ta su Sr. Esposo Sr. Jan Sallé i un di su tres yunan, su yu muhe Dominique Sallé.

Ekstra informashon:

- Enith Brigitha ta prome yu muhe di su mayornan.
Tata di Korsou: Sr. Nicolas Rosa Brigitha
Mama di Hulanda: Sra. Coby Clasina Brigitha
- Na 1970 despues di Koninkrijk Spelen, e i su famia a bai biba Hulanda.
- Periode ku a bini bek bin biba na Korsou ta di 1989 – 2009
- Tin tres (3) nietu i e di kuater (4) ta na kaminda.

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Personal information

Full name Enith Sijtje Maria Brigitha

National team Netherlands

Born 15 April 1955 (age 62)
[Willemstad](#), [Curaçao](#)

Sport

Sport [Swimming](#)

Strokes [Freestyle](#), [backstroke](#)

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Representing the  [Netherlands](#)

[Olympic Games](#)

- B [1976 Montreal](#) [100 m freestyle](#)
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[World Championships \(LC\)](#)

- S [1973 Belgrade](#) [200 m backstroke](#)
- B [1973 Belgrade](#) [100 m freestyle](#)
- B [1975 Cali](#) 100 m freestyle
- B [1975 Cali](#) 200 m freestyle
- B [1975 Cali](#) 4×100 m medley

[European Championships \(LC\)](#)

- S [1974 Vienna](#) 200 m freestyle
- S [1974 Vienna](#) 4×100 m freestyle
- S [1977 Jönköping](#) 100 m freestyle
- S [1977 Jönköping](#) 4×100 m freestyle
- B [1974 Vienna](#) 100 m freestyle
- B [1974 Vienna](#) 100 m backstroke
- B [1974 Vienna](#) 200 m backstroke

Enith Sijtje Maria Brigitha (born 15 April 1955) was a leading competitive swimmer in the 1970s. She twice represented the [Netherlands](#) twice at the [Summer Olympics](#), starting in [1972 \(Munich, West Germany\)](#). She won two bronze medals at the [1976 Summer Olympics](#) in [Montreal, Canada](#), in the women's [100 m](#) and [200 m freestyle](#). Brigitha twice was named 'Dutch Sportswoman of the Year', in 1973 and 1974. She was the first black athlete to win a swimming medal in the Olympics.^{[1][2]}

East Germany doping controversy[\[edit\]](#)

In the 100m freestyle, Brigitha finished behind two swimmers from East Germany, a country proven to have engaged in systematic doping of its athletes in the Montreal 1976 Olympic games.^[3] As a result, other athletes have called for Brigitha to be officially awarded the gold in the 100m freestyle and silver in the 200m freestyle. Brigitha has said she considers herself a gold medal winner.^[2] American [Shirley Babashoff](#), who would have earned three individual golds were it not for the East Germans, has been outspoken about this issue. She supports Brigitha and swimmers from other countries who were adversely affected by the East German illegal practices.^[4]

Biography



Enith Brigitha (NED)

2015 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1972 OLYMPIC GAMES: 8th (100m freestyle), 6th (100m backstroke), 6th (200m backstroke), 5th (4x100m freestyle); 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (100m freestyle),

bronze (200m freestyle), 4th (4x100m freestyle relay), 5th (4x100 medley relay), 10th (100m backstroke); FIVE SHORT COURSE WORLD RECORDS: 2 (100m freestyle), 2 (200m freestyle), 1 (400m freestyle); 1973 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (100m freestyle); silver (200m backstroke); 1975 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (100m freestyle, 200m

freestyle, 4x100m freestyle); 1974 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (100m freestyle, 100m backstroke), silver (200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle); 1977 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (100m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle).

Enith Brigitha was born on the West Indian Island of Curacao, where she first learned to swim in the Caribbean Sea. By the time she moved to Holland with her mother and brother in 1970, she had become the island's most promising swimmer.

Two years later, swimming for Coach Willie Storm at the Club Het Y in Amsterdam, Enith qualified for the 1972 Munich Olympic Games and reached the final in four events, and this was just the start of her success. At the 1973 inaugural FINA World Championships in Belgrade, she claimed a silver medal in the 200 meter

backstroke and a bronze medal in the 100 meter freestyle. At the 1974 European Championships she won five medals, including four individual medals for the 100 and 200 meter freestyle and backstroke events. In 1975, at the II FINA World Championships in Cali, Columbia, she added three bronze medals to her collection, including individual pieces of hardware in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle.

At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, she earned individual bronze medals in both the 100 and 200 meter freestyle, and at the 1977 European Championships, she won a silver medal in the 100 meter freestyle.



Enith was a genuine superstar in an era dominated by women swimmers from the German Democratic Republic. All told, she set five short course world records and collected 21 Dutch titles in the freestyle, backstroke, medley and butterfly events. She

won the Dutch 100 meter freestyle title seven years in a row, was twice named Dutch Sportswoman of the Year - and has the distinction of being the first person of African descent to win Olympic medals in swimming.

Still, her accomplishments have for too long been diminished by the dazzling success of the East Germans. Of the 11 individual medals Enith won at the Olympic Games, World and European Championships - only East German

swimmers finished ahead of her in 10 of those events, the one exception being America's Shirley Babashoff, in the 200 meter freestyle at Munich.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, Dr. Werner Franke and his wife Brigitte Berendonk, discovered files from the Stasi – the East German secret police – documenting the fact that all of the East German swimmers who finished ahead of Enith Brigitha had been systematically doped, without the knowledge or consent of them or their parents, as a matter of national policy. To the GDR's rulers,



these young athletes were nothing more than pawns in a global chess game, sacrificial lambs on the altar of East German ideology. Had the world known this at the time, the steroid and testosterone enhanced performances of the GDR's athletes would have resulted in their disqualification, and Enith's record would be even more stellar than it is. She also would be recognized today as the first black Olympic champion in swimming history, beating Anthony Nesty of Suriname to the top of the podium by 12 years.

There's more to life than just swimming, of course. After hanging up her swimsuit and retiring from the sport, Enith married and had three daughters. She moved back to Curacao, where she opened her own swimming school and taught children and babies to swim. Once her daughters were ready to go to University, the family moved back to Holland, where they remain today. Enith says, "With the girls in Holland and with our three grandchildren and the fourth is on its way.