

# Margaret Matthews Wilburn



**Year Inducted: 1997 Category: Track&Field**

Born in Griffin, Georgia...Bronze medalist as a member of the United States 400-meter relay team at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games...Ran for the famed Tennessee State University Tigerbellees...Set an American broad jump record of 19 feet, 9 1/2 inches during the 1956 Olympic trials...Broke the 20-foot long jump barrier in 1957 with an American record leap of 20 feet, 1 inch - becoming the first American woman to jump over 20 feet...Later in '57, she captured three golds at the world championships in Budapest, Hungary -- won the 100-meter relay, 400-meter relay and the long jump...She set a new American record in the long jump at 20 feet, 3 1/4 inches...(1958): AAU outdoor 100-meter and long jump champion...Anchored the gold medal winning 400-meter relay team at the AAU Championships...(1959): Captured the national long-jump crown for the fourth straight year and earned All-American honors for the third time...Garnered silver in the long jump at the 1959 Pan American Games in Chicago...Prep Career: All-State athlete in basketball and track at Howard High School...Other Accomplishments: Member of the Tennessee State University and Tennessee Sports Halls of Fame.