



Grace E. Cole

Quick Facts

Birth: November 9, 1922
Idaho

Death: March 17, 2001
Seattle, Washington

Occupation: Community Activist

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1982-83, 1985-1999

Office: Representative

District:
1 (King, Snohomish Counties) 1982
32 (King County) 1993

Personal:

- Grace Cole Nature Park, located in Lake Forest Park.
- Worked as campaign manager for Representative Audrey Gruger.
- Hosted a cooking show on KING TV, and wrote a newspaper food column.
- Residence is Shoreline
- Married, 4 sons

Education:

- Oregon State University, B.S. in Home Economic

Community Service:

- Shoreline School Board, member, president for two years
- County School Boundary Committee
- Shoreline Youth Services, board member and president
- Center for Human Services
- Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

Affiliations:

- American Association of University Women
- Women's Political Caucus
- League of Women Voters
- Federal Relations Network, Washington State School Directors Association
- State Federal Relations Delegation, president

Awards:

- State Legislator of the Year 1987

Legislative & State Service:

- Appointed January 11, 1982 to serve Audrey Gruger's unexpired term. Gruger went on to the King County Council.
- Sponsored bills that ended corporal punishment in schools.

Committees: (1985) Commerce & Labor, vice-chair; Education; Natural Resources (1987) Commerce & Labor, vice-chair; Education; Natural Resources (1989) Commerce & Labor, vice-chair; Education; Fisheries & Wildlife; Rules (1991) Commerce & Labor, vice-chair; Education; Fisheries & Wildlife; Rules (1993) Commerce & Labor, vice-chair; Education; Corrections; Rules (1995) Education; Corrections; Commerce & Labor (1997) Education; Commerce & Labor

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Assistant Majority whip, 1993, 1991, 1989, 1987

Sources:

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- *Ray Moore: An Oral History*, interviewed by Sharon Boswell, Washington State Oral History Program, Office of the Secretary of State, 1999