



Marjorie Pitter King

Quick Facts

Birth: March 8, 1921
Seattle, Washington

Death: January 28, 1996
Seattle, Washington

Occupation: Accountant

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1965-66

Office: Representative

District: 37 (King County)

Personal:

- Owned and operated M&M Accounting and Tax Service for 48 years
- Worked in the Pentagon during World War II doing office work
- Fought to seat the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party at the 1964 National Democratic Convention.
- Married, 2 sons

Education:

- Garfield High School graduate
- Howard University, Washington D.C.
- University of Washington, business

Community Service:

- YMCA, board member
- Washington State Women's Civil Rights Committee
- Seattle Urban League, board member
- Luther Human Relations Institute
- Involved in community and church activities, especially dealing with civil rights for women and minorities
- Organized youth activities within the Democratic Party

Affiliations:

- Alpha Omicron Chapter, president
- Delta Sigma Sorority , president of the Alpha Omicron Chapter
- Ann T. O'Donnell Democratic Women's Club
- Inter Greek Association
- Black Heritage Society of Washington State

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- Appointed September 2, 1965 to serve unexpired term for Ann O'Donnell, deceased
- First black woman to serve in the legislature
- First African-American to be appointed to the legislature
- Lost in the 1966 primary election for the same legislative seat
- Not listed in the journal

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- 37th District Democratic Party, chair
- King County Democratic Party, vice-chair, served on the rules, credentials and platform committee
- Metropolitan Democratic Central Committee, president
- Washington Federation of Democratic Women Inc., treasurer
- Metropolitan Democratic Women's Club of Seattle and King County, president
- State Democratic Party Platform Committees

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