



# Ruthe Ridder

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** June 13, 1929  
Pullman, Washington

**Death:**

**Occupation:** Community Volunteer  
King County Assessor 1984-1992

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1973-1983

**Office:** Senator

**District:** 35 (King County)

### Personal:

- Married, 5 children

### Education:

- University of Washington, B.S. in Psychology

### Community Service:

- South Shore PTA, co-president

### Affiliations:

- Rainier Beach Women's Club
- Washington State Women's Council
- Education Commission of the States
- Council on Aging

### Legislative & State Service:

- Elected November 1973 to serve unexpired term for her husband Robert Ridder.
- Majority/Minority Whip (1981), Minority Whip (1982)

**Committees:** (1975) Labor, chair; Commerce; Social and Health Service (1977) Labor, chair; Ecology; Social and Health Services; Ways and Means (1979) Education; Rules; Ways and Means (1981) Constitution and Elections; Education; Rules; Ways and Means (1982) Constitutions and Elections; Social and Health Services; Ways and Means

### **Leadership, Positions & Appointments**

- Urban Development Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures, vice-chair
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Basic Skills Assessment Advisory Committee
- King County Assessor, 1984-92

### **Sources:**

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