



Lois Stratton

Quick Facts

Birth: January 5, 1927
Springdale, Washington

Death:

Occupation: Senior Secretary

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1979-85 (H)
1985-93 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 3 (Spokane County)

Personal:

- Life-long resident of Washington State
- Retired from Kaiser Aluminum, Public Affairs
- Married, 5 children
- Member of the Spokane Tribe

Education:

- Kinman Business University, Spokane (1944-45)

Community Service:

- Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council
- Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery
- Daybreak of Spokane
- Regional Center for Child Abuse & Neglect
- Inland Northwest Health Science Center & Hospice
- Greater Spokane Coalition Against Poverty
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Treatment Alternatives Against Street Crimes
- Inland Empire Heart Association
- Friends of Riverfront Park
- West Central Community Center
- Spokane Lilac Festival Association
- Spokane County Democratic Executive Board
- Democratic precinct committeewoman

Affiliations:

- Elected Washington Women
- National Order of Women Legislators
- Nuclear Waste Advisory Council
- Municipal Research Council
- Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, vice-president
- Executive Women International
- American Heart Association

Awards:

- Administrative assistant & executive secretary at the World's Fair Expo 74 and honored with the Volunteer Service Citations
- Alliance Children, Youth and Families named her "Legislator of the Year" in 1984

Legislative & State Service:

- Appointed January 3, 1980 to serve for Margaret Hurley who resigned to go to the Senate.
- Co-chair for Joint Select Committee on Illegal Drug Trafficking Enforcement

Committees: (1980) Local Government; Parks and Recreation; Social and Health Services **(1981)** Human Services; Local Government; Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs; **(1983)** Commerce and Economic Development; Natural Resources, chair; Social and Health Services **(1985)** Natural Resources, vice chair; Education; Energy and Utilities; Human Services and Corrections **(1987)** Human Services and Corrections, vice chair; Energy and Utilities (Nuclear Waste Transportation Subcommittee, chair); Natural Resources **(1989)** Children and Family Services, ranking Democratic Member; Energy and Utilities; Higher Education **(1991)** Children and Family Services, ranking Democratic Member; Energy and Utilities; Higher Education

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Governor's Commission on Children
- DSHS Drug & Alcohol Advisory Committee
- Advisory Board of Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition
- Washington State Centennial Committee
- Sentencing Guidelines Commission
- High Technology Coordinating Board
- Governor's Task Force on Day Care and Support Enforcement

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