



Shirley J. Winsley

Quick Facts

Birth: June 9, 1934
Fosston, Minnesota

Death:

Occupation: Chamber of
Commerce Manager

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1974, 1977-83, 1985-92 (H)
1992-2004 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 28 (Pierce County)

Personal:

- Columnist for the Chamber Actions, Suburban Times (1975-77) and the Legislative Report (1977)
- Manager of the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pierce County Assessor, Appraiser
- Married, 2 children

Education:

- Tacoma Community College graduate
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Tacoma Community College (1970); Dean's List, Pacific Lutheran University (1971)

Community Service:

- Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
- Fircrest Planning Commission
- Fort Steilacoom Community College Foundation, board of governors
- Lakewood Women in Business
- Fircrest Planning Commission, chairman
- Pierce County Health Council, treasurer
- Lakewood Senior Center, Board Member
- Lakewood United
- Fircrest Civic & Heritage Society

Affiliations:

- Junior Women's League
- Certified Property Appraisers Society
- League of Women Voters
- Daughters & Sons of Norway

Awards:

- Proud Partner Award, Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority

Legislative & State Service:

- Appointed as a **Democrat** April 12, 1974 to serve Richard Kelley's unexpired term.
- Oral History Advisory Committee
- LEAP Committee
- Select Committee on Pension Policy, 2003 Vice Chair, 2004 Chair
- Tax Advisory Council
- Washington State Gambling Commission
- Correctional Industries Board
- Commission on Legislative Building Preservation & Renovation
- Select Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs
- Washington State Arts Commission
- Joint Committee on Manufactured & Mobile Homes
- Joint Committee on Pension Policy
- WA State Historical Records Advisory Board
- Heritage Caucus Member
- Washington State Council on Aging
- Washington State Job Training Coordination Council
- Washington State Advisory Council for Accreditation of Vocational-Technical Institutes

Committees: (1977) Financial Institutions; Judiciary; Revenue (1979) Financial Institutions, executive chair; Judiciary; Revenue (1981) Ethics, Law and Justice; Human Services; Rules (1985) Financial Institutions and Insurance; Local Government; Social and Health Services (1987) Financial Institutions and Insurance; Human Services; Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Revenue (1989) Capital Facilities and Financing; Financial Institutions and Insurance; Human Services (1991) Financial Institutions and Insurance; Housing, assistant ranking minority member; Human Services, ranking minority member (1993) Education; Government Operations; Health and Human Services; Transportation (1995) Government Operations, ranking minority member; Health and Long-Term Care; Ways and Means (1997) Financial Institutions, Insurance and Housing, chair; Higher Education, vice-chair; Ways and Means (1999) Commerce, Trade, Housing and Financial Institutions, ranking minority member; Health and Long Term Care; Ways and Means (2001) Labor, Commerce and Financial Institutions, ranking minority member; Health and Long-Term Care; Ways and Means (2003) Financial Service, Insurance and Housing, vice-chair; Health and Long-Term Care, vice-chair; Rules; Ways and Means

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Pierce County Council District 6, member & chair (May 1, 1981 - December 31, 1984)
- President Pro Tempore (2003-04)
- Tax Appeals Board (July 1, 2004, to March 1, 2009)

Sources:

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- "Winsley to seek election to House," by Emmet Pierce, *The News Tribune*, August 4, 1984.
- "Winsley retires after 27 years as lawmaker," by Joseph Turner, *The News Tribune*, May 8, 2004.