



# Cathy McMorris Rodgers

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** May 22, 1969  
Salem, Oregon

**Death:**

**Occupation:** Orchardist

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Years served:** 1994-2005

**Office:** Representative; U.S. Representative

**District:** 7 (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Okanogan, Spokane Counties)

## Personal:

- Worked for family's orchard in Kettle Falls, Peachcrest Fruit Basket, from 1984 to 1998.

## Education:

- University of Washington, MBA
- Pensacola Christian College, B.A. in pre-law

## Community Service:

- Kettle Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Colville Grange

## Affiliations:

- Washington State Cattlemen's Association
- Washington State Farm Bureau
- Northeast Washington Women in Timber
- Washington Farm Forestry Association
- Washington Rural Health Association

## Awards:

- Legislator of the Year, Farm Bureau
- Outstanding Legislator, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
- Guardian of Small Business, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

### **Legislative & State Service:**

- Appointed January 10, 1994 to serve Bob Morton's unexpired term after he was appointed to the Senate.
- Worked as a legislative assistant for state Rep. Bob Morton, R-7th District, from 1990 to 1994.
- Western State Legislative Forestry Task Force

**Committees:** (1994) Natural Resources and Parks, assistant ranking minority member; Appropriations; Capital Budget, assistant ranking minority member (1995) Appropriations; Capital Budget; Agriculture and Ecology; Rules (1997) Commerce and Labor, chair; Appropriations (1999) State Government, co-chair; Appropriations; Commerce and Labor (2001) State Government, co-chair; Commerce and Labor; Health Care (2003) Rules, ranking minority member

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

- Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004.
- Republican House Minority Leader, 2002-2004, youngest woman elected to this position.
- Chair of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

### **Sources:**

- "House GOP leaders blends youth, experience," by Patrick Condon, *The Olympian*, January 12, 2003.
- "House GOP taps woman as leader," by Patrick Condon, *The Olympian*, November 23, 2002.