



Eleanor Lee

Quick Facts

Birth: July 17, 1931
Elgin, Illinois

Death:

Occupation: Business manager

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1975-77 (H)
1977-1991 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 33 (King County)

Personal:

- Business manager and director of a manufacturer's representative firm
- Owner and business manager of a residential improvement firm
- Married, 3 daughters

Education:

- Attended Washington State University
- Graduated from The Evergreen State College in Political Science

Community Service:

- Highline Citizens for Schools
- King County Policy Development Commission
- SeaTac Communities Plan Policy Advisory Board

Affiliations:

- League of Women Voters, official
- Fire District 2, chair
- Civil Service Board
- Civil Air Patrol Advisory Committee
- Washington State Women's Commission
- Basic Aid to Schools in Crisis, co-chairman
- Puget Sound Youth Foundation trustee
- 4H Club, leader
- Elected Washington Women, founder and co-chair
- Soroptomists
- National Order of Women Legislators
- Elected Washington Women
- Am Legis Exchange Council

Awards:

- Civil Air Patrol, Service Award
- Women Helping Women Award, Sorpotomists
- Lake Burien PTA, Service Award

Legislative & State Service:

- Elected to the Senate in November 1977 to serve an unexpired term.
- Ran for Lieutenant Governor against John Cherberg in 1984.
- State Land Planning Commissioner

Committees: (1975) Local Government; Parks and Recreation; Transportation and Utilities **(1977)** Appropriations; Education; Local Government **(1979)** Local Government; Natural Resources; Transportation **(1980)** Local Government; Natural Resources; Transportation **(1981)** Parks and Ecology; State Government; Ways and Means **(1982)** Education; Local Government; Natural Resources; Rules; Ways and Means **(1983)** Education; Parks and Ecology; Ways and Means **(1984)** Education; Parks and Ecology; Ways and Means **(1985)** Commerce and Labor; Natural Resources; Ways and Means **(1986)** Commerce and Labor; Natural Resources; Ways and Means **(1987)** Commerce and Labor; Ways and Means **(1988)** Economic Development and Labor, chair; Education; Ways and Means **(1989)** Economic Development and Labor, chair; Education, vice-chair; Ways and Means **(1990)** Economic Development and Labor, chair; Education, vice-chair; Ways and Means

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Republican Caucus vice-chairman (1981)
- Investment In Human Capital Advisory Council (1997)

Sources:

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