



Peggy Joan Maxie

Quick Facts

Birth: August 18, 1936
Amarillo, Texas

Death:

Occupation: Mental Health Therapist-
LCSW; Counselor

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1971-83

Office: Representative

District: 37 (King County)

Personal:

- Single
- Property Owner (2 parcels of land: Madrona and Sandpoint)
- USTA Certified Tennis Official, 2001
- Certified Professional Tennis Instructor (USNTA), 2004
- Work history: Office of the Attorney General; Seattle Urban League; New Careers Program; Central Area Council on Alcoholism; Seattle University
- Owner of Peggy Maxie & Associates, a public relations/advertising firm

Professional Experiences:

Student/Family Counselor; Housing Counselor; Consultant to Various Community Entities; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor; Employee Assistance Professional (EAP); Mental Health Therapist; Life Coach; Owner/Manager/Supervisor/Therapist: Peggy Maxie & Associates, an employee assistance mental health counseling firm (1977 to Present)

Education:

- Seattle University, B.A. in Psychology
- University of Washington, M.S. W. (Masters in Social Work)

Community Service:

- Helped to raise a half million dollars for Neighbor in Need Hunger Drive
- Initiated and Coordinated three (3) workshops to help interested parties better understand the legislative process—combined effort attracted over 600 participants
- Served on Mayor's Committee to Select a New Police Chief
- Served on Advisory board of Puget Sound Big Sisters

Affiliations:

- Capital Hill Business & Professional Women's Club
- League of Women Voters
- Madrona Community Council
- The Municipal League of King County
- Rhinestone Club, African American Woman's Club
- Seattle Executives Association; National Association of Social Workers; Employee Assistance Professional Association; United States Tennis Association; national Rehabilitation Counseling Association; League of Women Voters; Board Member of Capital Hill Chamber of Commerce; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Epsilon Sorority; Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Peter Claver; Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Awards:

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree Received from St. Martin's College

- Featured in "The Washington Story—a History of Our State", published by the Board of Directors of Seattle Public Schools
- Certificate for Contributing to Minority Student Affairs/Special Service Program, by Seattle University's Director, David S. Thomas
- Listed in: the Manchester Who's Who 2005-2006 Registry; The National Distinguished Service Registry for Medical and Vocational Rehabilitation; the International Who's Who of Intellectuals, Cambridge, England; Personality of the West and Midwest; Who's Who Among Black Americans; Who's Who in American Politics; Who's Who in Government.

Legislative & State Service:

- First black woman elected to serve in the Washington State legislature
- Lost to Gary Locke in the 1982 primary

Issues:

- Assistance for financially destitute community people
- Accessibility and affordability of higher education
- Financial Aid for Work-Study Students
- Fairness in Legal Relationships Between Landlords and Tenants
- Creative Ways to Encourage Participation In and a Greater Understanding of the Legislative Process

Committees: (1971) Appropriations; Higher Education; Local Government (1973) Higher Education, chair; Judiciary (1975) Higher Education, chair; Judiciary (1977) Appropriations; Insurance; Rules (1979) Appropriations; Insurance; Rules (1981) Education; General Government-Appropriations; Rules

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by the House of Representatives to represent the Democratic Women at the National Conference of Women in Pocono, PA, sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Center for the American Woman and Politics, Rutgers University.
- Appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by the House of Representatives to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Information Needs Committee.
- Appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by the House of Representatives to the Joint Higher Educational Committee (House and Senate).
- Served on the System Evaluation and Improvement Study Committee of the Higher Education Personnel Board.
- Appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by the House of Representatives to be a Voting Member of the Council on Higher Education.

Sources:

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- Anderson, Ross, "Reps. Maxie, O'Brien face determined challenges," *The Seattle Times*, September 8, 1982
- Mahoney, Sally Gene, "Women making progress in Legislature," *The Seattle Times*, January 11, 1971
- Pumphrey, Ruth, "Trying to Reshape Fabric of Society," *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, November 5, 1970
- Documents in State Archives
- Documents (originals) in the office of Peggy Joan Maxie

- Various Articles found in the Seattle Times, Seattle Post Intelligencer, Tacoma News Tribune and the University of Washington Daily.
- Listed in: International Who's Who of Intellectuals (Cambridge, England), Personalities of the West and Midwest, Who's Who among Black America, Who's Who in American Politics, Who's Who in Government

From Women's History Consortium:
Peggy Maxie's Statement:

On August 18, 2006, I celebrated 70 years of gratitude. I felt and continue to feel an intense feeling of wishing to express my gratitude to all my teachers. There are so many. Upon reflection of my private, professional and public life, I can now embrace my supportive teachers and embrace and forgive my antagonistic teachers.

I firmly believe that the entire universe (energy) is a classroom, and that we meet teachers everywhere. If we listen, we can truly learn invaluable lessons of life from all our experiences.

I am grateful that the Washington State Legislature, under the guidance of The Women's History Consortium, is affording me another forum to give thanks to all the women who have enhanced my development of an attitude of gratitude. Let me hasten to note that I am grateful to all the women who have served and are serving in the Washington State Legislature. And, allow me to note a deep sense of gratitude to my African-American Heritage, which is embodied in the legacy of Josephine Lowe, my grandmother; and, in the life of Reba Jackson, my mother, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, with over 250 guests.

There have been many men and women who have guided me in my development of an attitude of gratitude. Just to name a few: Ann T. O'Donnell, Josephine Funderburg, Marty Camp Wilson, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Mona Baily Humphries and C. Delores Tucker.

My father, Cleveland Maxie, and my brother, Robert Gene Maxie, both instilled in me, a "Can Do" attitude, which helped me acquire the intestinal fortitude to address some of the most difficult issues during my twelve (12) years of service in the Washington State House of Representatives.