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Quick Facts

Birth: 1909

Bremerton, Washington

Death: July 28, 1971 Seattle

Occupation: Advertising Agent

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1959-61 (H)

1961-69 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 23 (Kitsap County)

Personal:

- Daughter of Lulu D. Haddon
- Married, 2 daughters
- Owner/Operator of Welcoming Service

Education:

Business College

Community Service:

- Strong advocate for children with disabilities
- Frances Haddon Morgan Center, in Bremerton, was established in 1972. It was originally for children with autism. Today it supports adults with disabilities who need a long-term care residence.

Affiliations:

- Ladies of Elks
- P.T.A
- Soroptimist Club
- Washington Association of Retarded Children

Legislative & State Service:

- First woman to serve in the Senate since Lady Willie Forbus 15 years earlier
- Gordon Walgren defeated Frances in 1968 for her Senate seat
- She had a childhood friend serve as clerk of the Institutions Committee, Sarah Attridge Newland
- Believed there should be a women's correctional center in the state. At the time all women who were serving time in prison were sent to the state penitentiary in Walla Walla.

 She did try running again for the Senate in 1980 against Ellen Craswell, a Republican, and Gordon Walgren, a Democrat. She lost in the primary.

Committees: (1959) State Institutions and Youth Control, vice-chair; Higher Education and Libraries; Highways; Military Veterans and Civil Defense; Parks, Capitol Grounds and Public Buildings (1961) Medicine and Dentistry, chair; Air and Water Pollution Control; Capitol Grounds, Public Buildings and Parks; Constitution, Elections and Legislative Processes; Higher Education and Libraries; Highways; Natural Resources; Public Institutions; Social Security; Ways and Means (committee on Appropriations) (1963) Public Institutions, chair; Highways; Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health, Air and Water Pollution; Parks, Capitol Grounds, Public Buildings, Veterans' Affairs and Civil Defense; State Government; Ways and Means (Appropriations) (1965) Public Institutions, chair; Cities, Towns and Counties; Constitution, Elections and Legislative Processes; Education; Highways; State Government and Veterans' Affairs; Ways and Means (Appropriations) (1967) Public Institutions, chair; Banks, Financial Institutions and Insurance; Highways; Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health, Air and Water Pollution; Ways and Means (Appropriation)

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

• Governor's Council for Children and Youth, 1957

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