



Rupert Vance Hartke

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: IN

Biography

A Senator from Indiana. Born in Stendal, Pike County, Ind. , May 31, 1919. Attended the public schools of Stendal. Graduated from Evansville College in 1940 and Indiana University Law School in 1948. During the Second World War served in the United States Coast Guard and Navy as a seaman, and advanced to lieutenant 1942-1946. Admitted to the Indiana bar in 1948 and commenced the practice of law in Evansville, Ind. Deputy prosecuting attorney of Vanderburgh County, Ind. , 1950-1951. Mayor of Evansville, Ind. , 1956-1958, when he resigned. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1958. Reelected in 1964 and again in 1970 and served from January 3, 1959, to January 3, 1977. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1976. Unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1972. Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs (Ninety-second through Ninety-fourth Congresses). Was a resident of Falls Church, Virginia, until his death on July 27, 2003. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

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