



## Charles Harting Percy

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** IL

### Biography

(Father-in-law of John D. [Jay] Rockefeller IV), a Senator from Illinois. Born in Pensacola, Escambia County, Fla. , September 27, 1919. Attended public schools in Chicago and Winnetka, Ill. Graduated from the University of Chicago in 1941. Joined the company of Bell & Howell. During the Second World War enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 as an apprentice seaman and was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant. After the war, rejoined the company of Bell & Howell, eventually becoming president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board. Appointed as President Dwight Eisenhower's personal representative to presidential inaugurations in Peru and Bolivia with rank of special ambassador 1956. Unsuccessful candidate for governor of Illinois in 1964. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1966. Reelected in 1972 and 1978 and served from January 3, 1967, until January 3, 1985. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1984. Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses). President, Charles Percy and Associates, Inc. Served on the boards of several foundations and committees. Was a resident of Washington, D. C. , until his death on September 17, 2011. Interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

### Legislative Activity (–)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0