

Harris Wofford

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate
State: PA
Service: 1991–1995
Most recent Congress: 103

Biography

A Senator from Pennsylvania. Born in New York City, April 9, 1926. Graduated from University of Chicago, 1948. Graduated from Yale and Howard University Law Schools, 1954. Admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1954 and commenced the practice of law. Legal assistant, U. S. Commission on Civil Rights 1954-1958. Associate professor of law, Notre Dame Law School 1959-1960. Coordinator of civil rights section of John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign. Special assistant to President Kennedy and chairman of the Subcabinet Group on Civil Rights 1960-1962. Assisted in the formation of the Peace Corps, serving as special representative to Africa and subsequently as associate director 1962-1966. President of the College at Old Westbury (State University of New York) 1966-1970, and Bryn Mawr College 1970-1978. Practiced law in Philadelphia 1980-1986. Chairman, Pennsylvania State Democratic Party 1986. Pennsylvania secretary of labor and industry 1987-1991. Appointed on May 8, 1991, to the United States Senate as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry John Heinz, III. Elected in a special election to the remainder of the term on November 5, 1991, and served from May 8, 1991, to January 3, 1995. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1994. CEO, Corporation for National Service (Americorps), 1995-2001. Chairman and then co-chairman of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth 2001-2004. Was a resident of Washington, D. C. , until his death on January 21, 2019.

Legislative Activity (1991–1995)

Bills sponsored: 0
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