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Ray, Margaret Elizabeth

(1933 - 2017)

Born 15 July, 1933, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Died 31 May, 2017, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian, Social justice advocate, Teacher

Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party from 1971, Margaret Ray served as the member for Box Hill in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament from 1982 to 1992. She was defeated at the state election, which was held on 3 October 1992.

Details

Daughter of Edward Leslie Vercoe, a Methodist minister of religion, and Thelma Alice Tickner, Margaret Ray completed her primary school education at Camberwell State School in Victoria. She completed her secondary education at Hamilton High School in Victoria and Devonport High School in Tasmania. She trained as a secondary school teacher in Victoria, gaining a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honours) and a Diploma of Education from the University of Melbourne. Her teaching appointments included Wangaratta High School 1956-57 and Greythorn High School 1968-81.

On 31 August 1957 she married George Wilson Ray also a schoolteacher. They had a son and two daughters.

She was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the seat of Box Hill in 1982 and retained it until 1992. She was a member of the Standing Orders Committee of the Victorian Parliament, 1982-92.

Her community activities included: secretary of the Blackburn Lake Primary School Committee 1964-69; women's registrar of the Victorian Amateur Gymnastic Association 1978, 1979; and elder of the Uniting Church in Blackburn.

She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2004.

Events

2004 - 2004

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1983, Draper, W. J., 1983

Book

Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament, Browne, Geoff, 1985

Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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