



Rep. Norma Smith, R-Clinton



Born in Pensacola, Florida, Norma Smith is the fourth of six children. Norma married Steve Smith in 1971, and they moved to Washington state in 1978. In 1990, the Smiths built their home on Whidbey Island, where they raised their four children. Steve, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam conflict and later for 20 years as an Emergency Medical Services helicopter pilot, died in the line of duty along with his crew of two beloved nurses in 2005. Steve was a loving husband and father whose courage and dedication to service will always be remembered.

Norma's family has grown to include three terrific in-law children and eight precious grandchildren. Her family home is a focal point for regular gatherings of family and friends and the ever-evolving menagerie of animals that has been a constant in her family's life.

Today, Norma is honored to serve the people of Washington state's 10th Legislative District, where she has served in the state House since 2008. The 10th District includes all of Island County, and parts of Skagit and Snohomish Counties. Her professional and life experiences provide a solid foundation for her commitment to effective service. For six years, Norma worked as Special Assistant to Congressman Jack Metcalf covering a broad range of issues, and also served as legislative liaison for military commands and veterans organizations.

She later worked in the private and non-profit sectors providing communications expertise and operations management. Her private-sector experience informs her leadership on economic development policy, as well as her efforts to improve Washington's climate for employers and employees. Norma is active in her community and church, having served on the South Whidbey School Board, and serving as a mentor to young adults.

Norma remains committed to finding positive solutions to the most pressing issues facing the 10th District and our state. She believes state government must ensure the most important priorities, services and projects receive the first dollars, and that budget writers keep taxpayers in mind to ensure fiscally responsible budgets are passed. She also believes the Legislature's priority must continue to be private-sector job creation and fostering the economic climate necessary for sustainable economic growth. "It is imperative we address the challenges that make it difficult for

employers to create and retain jobs in Washington state, while also protecting our competitive advantages and quality of life,” says Smith. “Economic stability is essential to our ability to fund a quality education for our children, public safety, programs for our most vulnerable and critical infrastructure projects.”