

# Senator Walter Rand

*The Man, the Legislator, and his Legacy*



# The Man



- **Born May 31, 1919 in Philadelphia, PA**
- **Son of Russian immigrants Jacob and Ann Rand**
- **Graduated from Camden High School in 1936**
- **Graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1940**
- **Senator Walter Rand's career in elected politics spanned the years 1971 to 1995.**

**Guided by what his son Judge Charles Rand describes as a respect for “the process of getting things done” and a desire to “assist people in the region and the City of Camden,” Senator Walter Rand left an indelible mark on the city of Camden and the State of New Jersey. From the time he entered the political arena until his death, Senator Rand worked ardently for his constituents. Respected by his political peers and the people he served, the Senator that will endure.**

# Senator Walter Rand's Community Involvement 1955-1974

## Board of Education

From 1968 to 1969 he served as assistant secretary and purchasing agent for the Board of Education.

He served as an elected member of the Board of Education from 1971 to 1974.



## Memberships

- East Camden Educational League
- 12th Ward Civic Association
- Democratic Club
- Davis and Cramer School Parent-Teacher Association
- Camden Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

# Assemblyman 1975 to 1982

Winning elections by landslide margins, Assemblyman Rand quickly became an influential member of New Jersey's State Legislature.



Walter Rand served three terms in the New Jersey State Assembly.

## List of Committee Appointments

- Assembly Appropriations Committee
- Joint Appropriations Committee
- Appropriations Vice Chairman
- Chairman of the Transportation and Communications Committee
- Chairman of the Sub-committee on New Appointments

“I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.”  
George Bernard Shaw



# State Senator 1982 to 1995

## Surprise Appointment

Once elected to the New Jersey State Senate, Walter Rand was appointed to serve as chair of the Transportation Committee. This was a surprise to some, because freshman senators are not generally given chair appointments.



*“If he did nothing else...it would still be a lot more than most people do in their careers in the Senate”  
Former Transportation Commissioner Representative Hazel Gluck, The Philadelphia Inquirer April 17, 1988*

In 1982 the Senate Democrats voted to name Senator Walter Rand assistant majority leader, the second most powerful person in the state Senate.



# Legacy: Transportation



## The NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority

- Senator Walter Rand sponsored the set of laws that led to the creation of the Transportation Fund in 1984.

- Purpose: “Planning, acquisition, engineering, construction, reconstruction, repair, resurfacing, and rehabilitation of the state’s transportation system.”



## South Jersey Transportation Authority

- Senator Walter Rand authored the bill that led to the creation of the Transportation Authority in 1991.

- Purpose: “To provide the traveling public with safe and efficient transportation through the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation and support of expressway, airport, transit, parking, other transportation projects and services in the six South Jersey counties -- Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem.”

Senator Walter Rand believed that the progress of both the City of Camden and South Jersey depended largely on transportation infrastructure and economic development working in tandem to spur community development.

# Legacy: Development of the Camden Waterfront



**Senator Walter Rand led the fight to successfully bring The Battleship New Jersey to Camden.**



**Senator Walter Rand played a significant role in the redevelopment of the Camden Waterfront. He made the waterfront a priority for legislators who served both South and North Jersey.**

# Legacy: Rutgers University-Camden



**Senator Walter Rand helped the university raise the funds needed to establish a Forum for Policy Research and Public Service in the Department of Public Policy and Administration.**



**Senator Walter Rand was a champion of higher education in Camden. He was instrumental in the building of Rutgers University-Camden's first dormitory. He also raised funds for the Business and Science Building. Rutgers University-Camden remains an important part of the Camden community.**



# Respected and Loved by his Peers



**Senator Rand was respected for his ability to work with both democrats and republicans to get things done. Pictured above with Governors Brendan Byrne, Thomas Kean, and Jim Florio.**



**“First came his wife and family, then his community, then his desire to serve. He was very interested in giving back, he felt like he had lived a full and rich life and was in a position to give back.”**

**Patricia Egan Jones, Surrogate for Camden County  
and former Chief of Staff to Senator Rand**