



KAREN WOOD HAYES KING (Class OF 1952)

Karen was born in Cedar City, UT. She graduated from LVHS in 1952 at the age of 16 and then earned a business degree from BYU in 1959. She was active in Girl Scouts, the Paradise Valley Democratic Club, and the Service League.

She married Keith Hayes, who was elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1972. He served just one term in the lower house before being appointed to the District Court by Governor O'Callaghan. Karen then campaigned for and won her husband's old Assembly seat. She served in the Assembly from 1975 until 1981 and spent one term as Speaker Pro Tempore. She sought a seat on the Clark County Commission in 1982. She was elected to the County Commission in 1982, 1986 and 1990. She worked to reduce crime in the county, for more oversight of the county budget, and for flood control. In 1994 she lost her reelection bid to Lorraine Hunt (LVHS Class of 1957).

In 1999, the Clark County School District honored Karen and Keith Hayes' service to Southern Nevada with an elementary school named in their honor. Karen remarried after Keith's death and continues to reside in Las Vegas with her second husband, Chuck King (LVHS Class of 1954).

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