

Waukesha County: Statement from Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow on the passing of his mother, former Lieutenant Governor Margaret Farrow

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Today I am heartbroken to share the passing of my mother Margaret Farrow. She was resting peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones.

I feel fortunate and blessed to have been raised by one of my personal heroes.

Mom was a lifelong public servant. Her service to her community and State spanned almost fifty years, starting with her time on the Elm Grove Board of Appeals to Village President. From municipal government, she rose to represent Waukesha County in the State Assembly, then the State Senate, before becoming Wisconsin's first female Lieutenant Governor. That work doesn't scratch the surface of all the boards, committees, commissions, and task forces she continued to lead through 2021.

She was a trailblazer. Not only because of her significant positions as a woman in what was very much a man's world at the time, but because of the way she stood up for all of the people of our community and our state to represent their best interests for decades.

Mom leaves behind a legacy of promoting the values that make us all better citizens and better people. Her values, her conviction, and her strength have inspired me in my life and my career as I strive to serve our community to a degree that honors her.

I can't state enough how lucky I am to be Margaret Farrow's son and how much I will miss her.

Members of the community have already begun to reach out to share their condolences and to ask for information about services. At this time we ask for privacy for the family. We will announce funeral arrangements in the near future. I want to let you know how truly grateful I am to represent a community full of as much love and support as Waukesha County.