

Walter Eggert Beach

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Walter Eggert Beach, 72, a longtime Democratic activist in District politics, died of heart disease Nov. 14 at Sibley Memorial Hospital.



Mr. Beach was twice treasurer of Walter E. Washington's mayoral campaigns in the 1970s, treasurer of Sharon Pratt Kelly's mayoral race in 1994 and treasurer of D.C. Council member Jack Evans's mayoral campaign in 1997. He was also treasurer of the D.C. Democratic State Committee and president of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association.

He worked for the American Political Science Association and the Brookings Institution and retired in the mid-1990s as publisher at the Helen Dwight Reid Educational Foundation.

Born in North Adams, Mass., Mr. Beach moved as a child to Washington in 1941 and graduated from Wilson High School. He graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., served two years in the Army and earned a master's degree in political science from George Washington University in 1960.

He served on the boards of many organizations, including the former Mount Vernon College of Washington, the Washington Center, the International Eye Foundation, the U.N. Association of the National Capital Area, the Hillwood Museum, the Southern Political Science Association and the National Capital Area Political Science Association. He was also a member of the Cosmos Club.

Survivors include two brothers, Arthur Beach of Columbus, Ohio, and Allen Beach of Washington.