## Walter Edge "Moose" Foran, SMA ‘37

**Walter Edge "Moose" Foran** (May 14, 1919 – December 8, 1986) was an American Republican Party politician from New Jersey, who served in both houses of the New Jersey Legislature. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Arthur F. Foran, who served in the New Jersey Senate.

Foran was born in Flemington, New Jersey, the fourth of five sons to Elizabeth and Arthur F. Foran. After graduating in 1938 from Staunton Military Academy, where he was a member of the school’s swim team for four years, Foran attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served in the Army field artillery in World War II.

Foran served as the Hunterdon County Republican Chairman from 1961 to 1970. He was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly in 1969 and served as a member of the Joint Appropriations Committee, eventually becoming Minority Leader. He was elected to the New Jersey Senate in 1977, taking the seat of Anne Clark Martindell, a Democrat who resigned to serve in a series of positions in the Carter administration. He won a special election to fill the remainder of Martindell's term as well as the general election for a full four-year term in the 14th legislative district. After redistricting, he was re-elected to the Senate in 1981 and 1983 representing the 23rd district.

Foran was considered an "old school statesman" and "an imposing figure" (hence the nickname "Moose"), who had "a congenial and persuasive manner and a quick mind."[5] In the Senate Foran was the ranking Republican on the Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee. After his death, a special election to fill his seat was won by Dick Zimmer, then serving in the Assembly.

On the Cook College campus of Rutgers University, Walter E. Foran Hall was dedicated on October 30, 1995. It is a 154,000-square-foot complex housing the Biotechnology Center for Agriculture and the Environment, the Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, and the Chang Science Library. Foran was an early champion of agricultural biotechnology and was instrumental in the founding of the center.

A resident of Flemington, Foran died of lung cancer at Hunterdon Medical Center at the age of 67 on December 8, 1986.

**Note:** SMA alumni may remember this alumnus if/when they travel on *Walter E Foran Blvd* in Flemington, NJ.

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