

## Biographical Sketch for George Sayler

Former Representative George Sayler, candidate for city council seat # 3, was born and raised in Missoula, Montana and graduated from the University of Montana there in 1967. After graduating, Sayler served in the military, including a tour in Vietnam. He married Coeur d'Alene native Kathleen Frost in 1968 and after receiving his Master's Degree in Religious Studies moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1972, where he and his wife have lived since. Sayler has two daughters and two grandchildren.

During his first two years in Coeur d'Alene, Sayler worked at the old Diamond International Lumber mill, and in that time earned his teaching credentials. He went on to teach History and Government at Coeur d'Alene High School from 1974 to 2005. During his teaching career he received numerous awards and recognition, and was chosen as Coeur d'Alene's Secondary Teacher of the year in 2002. In that same year Sayler was elected as State Representative for District 4, which encompasses the Coeur d'Alene area.

Sayler served as State Representative from 2002-2010, and for two terms was the Assistant Minority Leader in the House. While there he served on the Revenue and Taxation Committee, the Health and Welfare Committee, the Education Committee, and the Resources and Conservation Committee. His landmark legislative achievement was to pass legislation to improve Idaho's child care statute which improved the safety of children in child care. He also was on the Interim Property Tax Committee in 2006 which led to doubling of the Homeowner's Exemption from \$50,000 to \$100,000, creating property tax relief for homeowners. Sayler was also co-sponsor of legislation to help grandparents raising their grandchildren, water rights adjudication for North Idaho to protect our water rights, and sponsored successful legislation to support the Opportunity Scholarship Program for low-income students going to college.

Sayler was considered a political moderate and had earned praise from both sides of the aisle for his deliberative, collaborative approach to issues and reasoned arguments. He retired in 2010, choosing not to run for a fifth term.

Sayler is a member of the Tubbs Hill Foundation Board, the Audubon Board, and is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.