Jean Carnahan, First Lady of Missouri and Missouri’s First [Appointed] Female U.S. Senator

The first of her family to graduate high school and college, Jean Carnahan was politically active while raising a family in Rolla, Missouri. She took on the role of First Lady of Missouri alongside her husband, Governor Mel Carnahan, in 1993. In 2000 Jean Carnahan was appointed U.S. Senator upon the sudden death of her husband, the first woman from Missouri to hold that distinction. Mrs. Carnahan has written six books, including *Don’t Let the Fire Go Out!* (2004).