

G.J. ( Fred ) de Graaf has been president of the Senate since June 2011 and a member of the Peoples party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) in the Senate since 2003. He chaired the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation from 2007 till 2011.

#### Personal details

- born in Roosendaal, on the 28th of February 1950
- married to Harma van Buizen
- children; 2 daughters
- faith; Dutch Reformed
- place of residence; Loenen, the Netherlands

#### Education

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|-------------|---|
| 1962 - 1968 | Grammar school  |
| 1968 - 1975 | Master Degree in Dutch Law, majoring in public law, University of Groningen |

#### Career

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| 1975 - 1977        | Assistant in the Office of the Permanent Secretary General, Ministry of Home Affairs                        |
| 1977 - 1981        | Assistant in the Directorate-General for the Interior Administrative Organisation, Ministry of Home Affairs |
| 1981 - 1989        | Mayor of Leersum  |
| 1989 - 1999        | Mayor of Vught  |
| 1995 (01-10/31-12) | Acting Mayor of Helvoirt  |
| 1996 (16-09/31-12) | Acting Mayor of Udenhout  |
| 1999 - 2011        | Mayor of Apeldoorn  |

#### Political Career

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| 1978 - 1981 | Chairman of the VVD-party in the Municipal Council of Voorschoten |
| 2003 --     | Member of the Senate  |
| 2005 - 2011 | Deputy chairman of the VVD-party in the Senate                    |
| 2011 --     | President of the Senate   |

#### Honours and Decorations

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| 1997                | Knight in the order of Oranje-Nassau                   |
| 2011                | Officer in the order of Oranje Nassau                  |
| Foreign decorations |  |
| 2000                | Commander in the order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan |