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Member of the
[U.S. House of Representatives](#)
from [New York](#)

In office

January 3, 1993 – January 3, 2013

Constituency [26th district](#) (1993–2003)
 [22nd district](#) (2003–2013)

Preceded by [Matthew F. McHugh](#)

Succeeded by [Richard L. Hanna](#)

Member of the [New York State Assembly](#)
from the 101st district

In office

January 1, 1975 – December 31, 1992

Preceded by H. Clark Bell

Succeeded by [Kevin Cahill](#)

Personal details

Born Maurice Dunlea Hinchey
 October 27, 1938
 [New York City, New York](#)

Died November 22, 2017 (aged 79)
 [Saugerties, New York](#)

Political party [Democratic](#)

Spouse(s) Ilene Marder Hinchey

Children [Michelle Hinchey](#)

[Alma mater](#) [State University of New York at New Paltz](#)

Military service

Branch/service [United States Navy](#)

Years of service 1956–1959

Maurice Dunlea Hinchey (October 27, 1938 – November 22, 2017) was an American politician. He was a former [U.S. Representative](#) from [New York](#). He was a member of the [Democratic Party](#). He retired at the end of his term in January 2013 after twenty years in Congress.

Career

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A New York City native who moved to the [Hudson Valley](#) where he attended high school and college, Hinchey had previously represented part of the area in the [New York State Assembly](#) since 1974.

As chair of that body's Environmental Conservation Committee, he took the lead in bringing [environmental](#) issues to the fore, particularly when he held hearings on the problems created by toxic waste disposal in the [Love Canal](#) neighborhood of [Niagara Falls](#). In his later years in Congress he vehemently opposed [hydraulic fracturing](#) to exploit the natural gas resources of the [Marcellus Shale](#).

Throughout his career he was considered a political [progressive](#) for his liberal stands on other issues.

Health

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On April 22, 2011, Hinchey's office announced that he was being treated for a curable form of [colon cancer](#).^{[1][2][3]} His doctors said that they expect a full recovery.^{[3][4]}

Shortly after being treated for the colon cancer, Hinchey began experiencing symptoms of [frontotemporal dementia](#), a diagnosis that his family did not make public until 2017.^[5] He died from the disease on November 22, 2017 at his home in [Saugerties, New York](#) at the age of 79.^[6]

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