

**Josef Rief**

**Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union**

**Farmer**

Born on 13 April 1960 in Illertissen, Neu-Ulm county; Catholic; married since 1997, three children.

Attended Kirchberg primary school and Gutenzell, Erolzheim and Kirchberg lower secondary school; trained as a farmer from 1975 to 1978; attended college for agriculture in Biberach from 1978 to 1980; completed compulsory basic military service in Großengstingen and Laupheim from 1980 to 1981; obtained intermediate school-leaving certificate from evening school in Biberach; passed master's examination in 1984; attended the rural youth academy in Bonn in 1985.

Member of the Young Union (youth section of the CDU/CSU) from 1978 to 1995; member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 1985.

Chairman of the Illertal local branch of the Young Union from 1978 to 1992; chairman of the Biberach county branch of the Young Union from 1992 to 1994; deputy chairman of the Württemberg-Hohenzollern district branch of the Young Union from 1994 to 1995; chairman of the Kirchberg local branch of the CDU since 1996; chairman of the Biberach county branch of the CDU since 1999; member of the executive committee of the Baden-Württemberg state branch of the CDU since 2007; member of Kirchberg municipal council from 1989 to 1999; first deputy mayor of Kirchberg from 1994 to 1999; member of Kirchberg municipal council since 2001; member of Biberach county council since 2002.

Member of the board of the discussion group on green issues in the rural youth organisation in Biberach for many years; youth representative in Biberach Farmers' Union; deputy chairman of Biberach/Biberach-Sigmaringen Farmers' Union since 1994.

Member of the German Bundestag since 2009.

**Membership of Bundestag bodies**

**Member**

- Committee on Budget
- Committee on Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

**Deputy Member**

- Committee on Food and Agriculture