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Mary Lou Grier. (NPS History Collection Photo).

Mary Lou Grier

Washington Office

Deputy Director, 1982-1985

- Born Mary Lou Maas on December 22, 1926 in the Panama Canal Zone, where she also grew up.
- Studied journalism at the University of Missouri.
- Married Baxter Grier, a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Together they had three children.
- Worked at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin while stationed there with her husband in Hawaii.
- Moved to San Antonio, TX after WWII and was general counsel and director of public affairs for an insurance company for 8 years.
- Became involved in politics as vice chair of the Republican Party of Bexar County and manager for a U.S. Representative campaign.
- From 1975, worked for Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. managing national advisory councils.
- From 1976-1977, served as deputy director and acting director for the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.
- Worked for U.S. Representative Tom Loeffler from c. 1979-1981.
- Owned a number of businesses including apartments, gas station, shopping center, contracting firm, and concrete company.
- Became deputy director of the NPS, as a political appointee with no NPS experience, under the Reagan administration on January 4, 1982.
- Oversaw the Park Restoration and Improvement Program, and assisted states with developing and preserving historical, archeological, and recreational resources.
- Left the NPS on October 5 1985.
- Died February 15, 2013.

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