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Patricia M. Pusey
Southwest & Midwest Regions
Chief of Maintenance, 1981-1988

- Born Patricia Ann McCord on February 8, 1928 in Armstrong, Iowa, and grew up on a farm near Albia, Iowa.
- Earned a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture at Iowa State University at Ames in 1951.
- Married John J. Pusey on March 24, 1951 in Albia, and together they had three children.
- Began her federal career in the 1960s as a GS-5 landscape architect with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its Omaha district.
- Transferred to the NPS as a landscape architect in the Southwest Region in 1981.
- In 1984, became the Midwest Region's chief of maintenance, the NPS' first woman regional chief of maintenance.
- As chief, her responsibilities included overseeing all the jobs in the maintenance of energy, prioritizing projects to be funded, tracking the Federal Highways Land Program, and overseeing the Dam Safety Program.
- Retired in March 1988.
- Died December 8, 1994, aged 66, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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