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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Decker, Jay Emerson (North Cascades 1963)**

Jay "Topper" Decker died June 28, 2021, at his home in Tualatin, Oregon. He was born July 18, 1942, in Mason City, Iowa, and graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Psychology. Jay jumped at NCSB 1963 and Redmond 1964-65. Jay joined the Portland Police Dept. where he worked 1966-87. During this time, he received his master's in Psychology from Portland State University. He then spent several decades in a number of entrepreneurial endeavors before retiring in 2010. On his 60th birthday he took a seven-day bike trip from the Snake River to the Pacific Ocean.

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