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Lund, Delano Gerald "Zeke" (Cave Junction 1952)

Zeke was born October 26, 1932, in Wibaux, Montana. He died May 13, 1959, in the crash of a of a USAF aircraft in the Atlantic off the coast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina He is pictured in the Montana State University yearbook in 1952 and was in the Air Force ROTC program. Zeke married Carolyn Porter April 30, 1954, in Missoula.

He entered the USAF October 18, 1955, in San Antonio, Texas. Zeke is listed at being a 1st Lt. USAF, 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron on his headstone application. He was on a F100 Super Sabre flight to Europe when all three planes flew into the Atlantic. He has a marker at Arlington National Cemetery. Zeke jumped at CJ during the 1952 season.

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