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## Smokejumper Obituary

### Huston, Elmer G. (Idaho City 1952)

Elmer, 88, died January 9, 2014, in Caldwell, Idaho. He started working for U.S. Forest Service at 16, and then entered training at 17 with the Navy at NTS Farragut, Idaho. He served on the USS Mifflin during World War II and was honorably discharged in May 1946. Elmer witnessed the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. Upon his return he continued with the Forest Service until he retired in 1976 after 31 years of service, which included working with his wife on Thunderbolt Lookout as newlyweds in 1949. Elmer jumped from Idaho City in the 1952 and 1954 seasons and was a fire-control officer in the Idaho forests for 19 years. Elmer was an enthusiastic pilot and built two airplanes of his own.

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