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Smokejumper Obituary

Bay, Roger R. (Missoula 1952)

Roger, 83, died April 3, 2015, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was born November 27, 1931, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and was raised in LaCrosse and attended Viterbo College. Roger graduated from the University of Idaho, in Forest Management, in 1953. He earned his masters and doctorate in Forestry and Watershed management from University of Minnesota. Roger served in the U.S. Army for two years, stationed in Alaska.

Roger worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 34 years. He started as a smokejumper and retired as Forest Service Director of the Pacific Southwest Research Station in Berkley, California. After retiring, he worked as a consultant with Univ. of Hawaii College of Agriculture.

He jumped at Missoula during the 1952 season.

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