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Tyler, Grover Sumpter "Doc" (Missoula 1947)

Grover, 84, died May 5, 2005, in Stevensville, Montana. He was born September 1, 1920, in Rose Hill, VA. Doc attended Lincoln University in Tennessee 1939-41 but joined the Army in WWII. He was a forward observer for an artillery battalion and took part in the invasions of Bougainville, Saipan, Philippines and Okinawa.

After the war he finished his education graduating from the University of Montana with a degree in Education. Doc was parachute loft foreman at Missoula 1954-57 before going to work for the Martin Aircraft Corp in 1958. He returned to Missoula in 1959 to work at the Equipment Development Center until he retired in 1979.

Doc jumped at Missoula 1947-49, and 1951-57.

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