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Scott, Ross Davies (Missoula 1951)

Ross died March 27, 2016, in Lincoln, California. He was born February 25, 1927, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Ross worked in a lumber camp at age 12 and later played football at Vancouver College. From there he was recruited by Washington State where he played two seasons. He rookied at Missoula during the 1951 season. Records show he only had five practice jumps. His obit states that his football career ended due to an injury as a smokejumper indicating he was injured during smokejumper training.

Ross transferred to Western Washington University and graduated with a BA in 1952. He then completed his master's degree in Physical Therapy at Stanford University and moved to Yuba City, California in 1954 where he began a lifelong career as a physical therapist and sport medicine expert. Ross owned and operated his physical therapy clinic in Marysville, California, for over 56 years.

He co-founded Feather River Bank (known as Umpqua Bank today), was player/coach for a semi-pro ice hockey team and was the physical therapist for the 1960 U.S. Winter Olympic Team. Ross continued to play ice hockey into his 80s at the senior level. He was an active pilot and involved as a volunteer in search and rescue operations. Ross was an NSA Life Member.

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