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Smokejumper Obituary

Graeler, Marvin William (Cave Junction 1943)

Marvin, 59, died April 30, 1977, after suffering a heart attack while playing golf in Lancaster, Ohio. He was born January 23, 1918, in St. Louis, Missouri. Marvin, a meat cutter at the time, was drafted into Civilian Public Service in 1941. He was a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Marvin was among the first group of CPS men to be trained as smokejumpers and was assigned to the new smokejumper base in Cave Junction, Oregon, where he jumped for two years.

At the time of his death he was living in Whitehall, Ohio, where he worked as an actuary for Nationwide Insurance. He had been on the Whitehall City Council for five years.

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