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Smokejumper Obituary

Zook, Norman Vernon (Missoula 1945)

Norman, 98, died March 24, 2016. He was born September 8, 1917, in Mio Michigan, grew up on a farm, and graduated from high school in Fairview, MI. When he drafted into the Civilian Public Service, he worked at three camps before reporting to CPS-103 smokejumpers during the 1945 where he made at least three fire jumps.

After the war, Norman had many jobs: Shuttle driving at the Portland Airport, working a cattle ranch in Southern Oregon, and working for Haley Logging Company in Oregon.

He lived in La Pine and Redmond, Oregon.

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