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Smokejumper Obituary

Slabach, Irvin J. (Missoula 1945)

Irvin J. Slabach, age 96, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Irvin was born on February 26, 1920, to the late Joseph Slabach and Fannie (Miller) Slabach.

Irvin was a tool and dye maker for 40 years and worked at Wells Aluminum. During World War II, he was a smokejumper in Montana with the CPS-103 group and had at least two fire jumps.

He enjoyed gardening, reading, fishing and working on growing his orchard. Irvin was known for warm hugs and loving his family.

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