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Smokejumper Obituary

Sharpes, Lowell Victor (Missoula 1944)

Lowell Victor Sharpes, Jr., 88, of Boonsboro, MD, died February 11, 2013 at Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, MD. He was born May 10, 1924, near Harrisonburg, VA. Lowell graduated from Harrisonburg High School and attended Bridgewater College 1941-43. He entered Civilian Public Service in April of 1943.

Lowell jumped at Missoula during the 1944-45 seasons making 21 jumps and three voyages to Europe as a sea cowboy for Heifer Project. He was discharged the summer of 1946.

"I retired at age 65 from Holly farms, a poultry contracting complex, after 42 years." Lowell was a member of the Church of the Brethren, where he enjoyed teaching the adult Sunday school class.

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