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Smokejumper Obituary

Abbott, Roy A. (Missoula 1941)

Roy died of natural causes November 11, 1986, in Clarkston, WA. He was born in Grouse, Washington, about 1908-10. He was orphaned by the age of six and lived with his widowed grandmother. As a young man he worked as a printer according to the 1930 census. He was in the second group of smokejumpers trained, at age 33, and jumped for one season and had a single fire jump. Roy jumped the Dean Creek Fire on August 8th and broke his leg according to Jim "Smokey" Alexander in an interview with Smokejumper magazine in 2004.

Roy enlisted in the Army in February 1942 and began training at Ft. Benning, GA with the Parachute Battalion. Roy was discharged in March 1945 and married in Seattle a week later. He settled in the Lewiston/Clarkston area and is buried at the Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens in Lewiston, ID.

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