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Glades(Nussbacher), Karl (Missoula 1941)

Karl died August 3, 2006, in Louisville, Colorado. He was born January 28, 1914, on a ranch near Sheridan, WY, and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in forestry in 1941. He was a Missoula smokejumper in 1941 and 1942. In 1941 at age 27, Karl was one of the 12 smokejumpers who participated in jumps for the "Forest Ranger" Paramount Pictures technicolor movie that was released in 1942. Karl had two fire jumps in 1941 and none during the 1942 season.

In 1944, he joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to General Patton's Third U.S. Army Photo Intelligence Center. Shortly before shipping overseas, he married Vera Carol Cole and after the war, she joined him in Bavaria where he participated in the Marshall Plan as an industrial forester. In 1955, Karl began work as a forest ranger in Idaho and in 1958, he moved to Anchorage where he worked for the BLM, setting aside land for state parks. He transferred to Denver in 1966 and worked at the Denver Federal Center until 1979.

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