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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Nece, Craig (Missoula 1982)**

Craig, 53, died March 2, 2009, at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. Craig was born April 16, 1955, in Ancon Canal Zone, Panama. He was a US Army Veteran and served in the Military Police in Germany, a USFS Smokejumper, a Del Rosa Hot Shot and was a Captain on the San Bernardino (CA) Fire Department where he served for 19 years.

Craig at one time was a Ferrier, had a gold mine in Montana, a modern day cowboy. He jumped at Missoula 1982-84. Fellow rookie Michael Pepion said, "Craig was a great guy, well liked, although a big guy who usually landed hard. He always came up a smiling—I'm I Ok"

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