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Smokejumper Obituary

Grammer, Steven R. (Redding 1970)

Steve died September 28, 1970, in a helicopter crash while on detail with the Redding Hotshots. He was a graduate of Calaveras H.S. in San Andreas, California, and attended American River College where he was a forestry student.

During the summer of 1968, Steve worked for the Division of Forestry in San Andreas and in 1969 and for the Dorrington Station of the Stanislaus National Forest in Calaveras County.

Steve was one of five men who died in the crash on the Angeles National Forest outside Los Angeles on the San Gabriel Canyon Fire. The men were in the five-place Alouette helicopter which crashed while they were attempting to establish a second heliport for the 4,000-acre brush fire. The copter plunged into smoke-filled San Gabriel Canyon two miles east of the Rincon Forest Station off the East Fork in the Canyon.

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