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Smokejumper Obituary

LaPlant, Larry A. (Missoula 1962)

Larry, 78, died April 11, 2018, after a long battle with cancer in Roswell, NM. He was born December 29, 1939, in Rochester, MN.

He was a graduate of the University of Montana with a degree in Wildlife Management after which he served two years in the Army at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Larry initiated a Game Warden Program while in the service and returned to Fort Rucker after his discharge where he was employed as the installation's Fish and Wildlife Biologist from 1966-71.

In 1978 Larry moved to Roswell, N.M., to work for the BLM as a District Wildlife Biologist. He was also involved in the fire management program. Larry retired as a Multi-Resource Supervisor in 2000. He jumped at Missoula during the 1962-63 seasons.

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