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Gerrard, Doyle W. (Missoula 1953)

Doyle, 89, died April 17, 2019 in Missoula. Moving from Ohio, he came to Montana to attend college. Doyle served with the Marine Corps in Korea.

After earning his teaching credential, he taught in Montana, Wyoming and other western states. Doyle took up distance running in his late 40s and ran marathons and 10K races.

Upon retirement from teaching, he lived in the Bitterroot Valley, became a skilled hunter and was an advocate for the Friends of the Bitterroot. Doyle jumped at Missoula during the 1953-55 seasons.

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