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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Peterson, Darrel James "Pete" (Missoula 1950)**

Pete, 90, died December 20, 2018. He was born November 13, 1928 in Sisseton, S.D. Pete graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in education and began his teaching career at Superior in 1950.

Pete moved back to Missoula in 1952, got his master's degree, and began a 42-year career with the Missoula School District. This included 15 years at Hawthorne as a teacher and coach and the remaining years as a Principal at four schools.

Pete had a dual career with the USFS that included dispatcher at the Aerial Fire Depot. When he retired from the USFS in 1994, he drove trucks for the fire cache until age 88. Pete jumped at Missoula 1950-51 and 1961-67.

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