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## Smokejumper Obituary

### Schumaker, Robert F. (Missoula 1959)

Bob, 79, died April 19, 2018, from brain cancer at his home in Hamilton, Montana. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in mechanical engineering. Bob earned his commission in the ROTC program and was stationed in Germany after his graduation earning the rank of Captain.

After his discharge from the Army, Bob worked for the Sandia Laboratory in Livermore, California, and then at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. While in Bremerton, he used the G.I. Bill to earn his pilot's license and was a member of the Seattle Mountain Search and Rescue group.

Bob was active in the NSA Trails Program, was an accomplished skier and spent many hours soaring as a member of a gliding club. He was a founding member of the Selway/Bitterroot Foundation and was also part of the volunteer group that manned the Salmon Mountain Lookout. Bob jumped at Missoula in 1959,'60,'62,'70 and at Grangeville in 1961.

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