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Smokejumper Obituary

Payne, William A. "Bill" (McCall 1959)

Bill died November 19, 2017, of cancer. He graduated of Meridian (Idaho) H.S. in 1953 and enlisted in the Army where he served with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team until 1957. After leaving the Army, Bill attended the University of Idaho and graduated in 1963 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He jumped at McCall 1959-62.

Bill worked in the aerospace and defense industry on projects that included the radar systems for the SR-71 Blackbird. He worked in southern California and Arizona and was living in Phoenix at the time of his death.

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