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Smokejumper Obituary

Clark, Lawrence Ray (Idaho City 1951)

Larry, 89, died January 19, 2017, at his home in Baker City, Oregon. He was born on July 3, 1927, at Rupert, Idaho. After growing up in the Rupert, he was drafted into the Army during WWII where he served in Korea. Returning home, he attended Southern Idaho College and Westminster College in Salt Lake City where he received his teaching degree.

Larry taught in Fairfield, Idaho, and at the naval base in Iceland before moving to Baker City in 1963 where he taught middle school until retirement. He jumped out of Idaho City 1951 and 1953, and McCall 1952 and 1956-60. After smokejumping Larry was the foreman on the first helitack crew in Idaho, working out of Hailey.

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