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Jerry died March 7, 2016, in Mesa, Arizona. After high school in Idaho, he went to work for the US Forest Service. Jerry rookied at McCall in 1963 and jumped there through the 1977 season. He had 252 jumps before retiring from jumping. Jerry then took over the McCall Base Manager job replacing Del Catlin.

In 1978 he was Fire Management Officer for the McCall R.D. retiring from the USFS in 1990. After retirement he and his wife split time between Flathead Lake and Arizona.

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