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Smokejumper Obituary

Hedges, James Randall (McCall 1978)

Jim, 62, died November 20, 2015, In Olympia, Washington, of lung cancer even though he did not smoke. He was born November 6, 1953, in San Gabriel, CA. In high school Jim was part of the wrestling team and carried that enthusiasm throughout his life. He graduated from Basset High School in 1971. After graduating from high school he was a member of the Ojai Valley Hotshots before moving to Missoula.

Jim graduated from the University of Montana in 1980 with a degree in forestry. He jumped in McCall during the 1978 season, Missoula 1979-1992 and then continued in firefighting career as a dispatcher of fixed-wing aircraft. His moves took him to Dillon, Montana and finally Susanville, California.

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