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Smokejumper Obituary

Anderson, Jay R. (McCall 1953)

Jay died March 2, 2015, in his home in Ogden, Utah. Jay graduated from Ogden High School and attended the University of Wyoming before graduating in Civil Engineering from Utah State University. He founded Great Basin Engineering, a consulting civil engineering and land-surveying firm in 1959. Today that business continues as Great Basin Engineering in Ogden and Anderson, Wahlen and Associates in Salt Lake City.

His passion later in life was big game hunting. He was the first person in the State of Utah to successfully take each of the "Once in a Lifetime" Big Game animals in Utah through the draw, accomplishing this in 1998.

He helped found the Bastian Ranch Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit in 1993. He loved being the operator of this property and providing hunting opportunities for people and especially spending time on the mountain with his children and grandchildren.

Jay jumped at McCall during the 1953 season.

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