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Tate, Stanton D. (McCall 1953)

Stan died November 3, 2014. He was a smokejumper, Episcopal priest, a county magistrate, a college professor and a juvenile justice advocate. Stan graduated from the Princeton Seminary in New Jersey as an ordained minister. He worked a pastorate in Montana and returned to a parish in McCall which allowed him to continue his summer work as a smokejumper. Stan continued to work with the jumpers as a chaplain for local and national reunions, marriages and funerals.

During the Vietnam War he served as chaplain for the 124th Fighter Interceptor Group of the Idaho Air National Guard. He completed his Doctorate in Biomedical Ethics at San Francisco Theological Seminary and U.C. Berkeley.

He was the author of "Jumping Skyward" and honored nationally by the Idaho State Historical Society at their annual national meeting in St. Louis as an "Idaho Legend, Smokejumper-Priest. Stan jumped at McCall for the 1953, 55, 58, 59, 61 and 1963 seasons.

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