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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Searles, Robert C. (Missoula 1945)**

Bob died July 13, 2014. He was born May 6, 1916, in Everett, Washington and was a member of the Methodist Church. Bob was drafted into Civilian Public Service in 1942 from Tacoma, WA, and his occupation at the time was listed as "Musician."

Bob Jumped at Missoula during the 1945 season and had eight practice, three fire and one rescue jump. He was discharged from CPS in 1946 and eventually ended up living in the Los Angeles area. He was active in radio and TV in the during his career. Bob was an accomplished musician, playing at some of the best spots in the LA area including the famed Cocoanut Grove.

He and Dick Flaharty (MSO-45) provided the entertainment at many of the CPS jumper reunions.

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