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Smokejumper Obituary

Austin, Richard D. (Missoula 1953)

Dick, 78, died at his home in Cove, Oregon, July 11, 2013. He received his master's degree from Montana State University and became a vo-ed teacher in Plevna and Bridger, Montana.

Dick then worked for the State of Washington Highway Dept. as a landscape architect before going back to teaching. He retired in 1995, after 24 years as the horticulture instructor at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Washington.

Dick jumped at Grangeville in 1953, Missoula (54-57-58), and West Yellowstone 59-61 and was an NSA member.

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