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Joe, 86, died Jan. 6, 2013, in Bismarck, North Dakota. He served two years in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, then attended the University of Montana; Joe was called back to active service in 1950 and served one year fighting in Korea. He jumped at Missoula in 1949 and did not jump the day of the Mann Gulch tragedy in which 12 smokejumpers - many of whom were Joe's friends - and a firefighter died in a forest conflagration.

Joe had a 35-year career with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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