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Smokejumper Obituary

Wengert, Richard (Missoula 1951)

Dick, 82, died Jan. 28, 2013, in Winchester, Kentucky, following a three-year bout with lung cancer. After earning a degree in Forest Management from Purdue University, Dick joined the Army and served two years in Korea, attaining the rank of sergeant. One of his final assignments was to give U.S. prisoners of war American clothing as they crossed into South Korea at the time of the truce.

Dick jumped at Missoula in 1951. After military service he had a 39-year career as forester with the Forest Service, ending as forest supervisor at the Daniel Boone National Forest.

He retired in 1993, but opened a business as a forestry consultant three years later.

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