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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Rausch, Clarence (Idaho City 1957)**

Buddy, 75, died May 23, 2012, in Billings, Montana. He earned a degree from Idaho State University, where he won the 1959 NCAA national championship in boxing at 147 pounds. Buddy served in the Army Reserve, reaching 2nd lieutenant, and served as the boxing coach at Fort Benning, Georgia. He jumped at Idaho City in 1957-58 and from McCall in 1959. Buddy had a 34-year career in the claims department at Farmers Insurance, retiring as claims supervisor in 1995. He was also a prominent basketball and football official, working those sports for 38 years and earning a spot in the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame.

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