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Moseley, Charles E. "Charley" (Cave Junction 1962)

Charley, 73, died April 8, 2014, in Mobile, Alabama. He was a graduate of the University of Alabama Business School in 1963 and the School of Law in 1969. Charley was a scholarship track athlete at Alabama setting several SEC records and placing in the NCAA Track Championships in 1962 in the long jump and high hurdles. In 1963 he received the Friedman Award as the Crimson Tide's best all-around athlete.

Initially a walk-on, he set several school records and at one point held Southeastern Conference records in the long jump, triple jump and the high hurdles. Moseley was the first Alabama athlete to score points in the NCAA Championships when he placed fourth in both the high hurdles and long jump in 1962 and dominated more than a few dual meets.

For example, against Memphis State in 1963 he won all six events he entered: the high jump, broad jump, pole vault, high hurdles, intermediate hurdles and the triple jump.

He jumped in Cave Junction and was a member of the first jumper crew at the Redmond in 1964. Charley then spent several years with Air America as a "kicker" before finishing up his smokejumper career in Fairbanks. In the last 15 years he has been working in Oklahoma in the Wildcat Oil Industry.

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