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Cherry, Parley E. "Bill" (Missoula 1947)

Bill died March 17, 2012. He graduated from the University of Idaho and lived in the Denver area from 1960 until his death.

Bill worked for Weyerhaeuser 1952-60, Boise Cascade 1960-65, Potlatch Corp. 1967-83, and owned and operated Colorado Forest Industries from 1983-2000.

Bill served in WWII and Vietnam, and was a member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He retired from the military in 1985 as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force. After his rookie year in Missoula, Bill jumped at Idaho City for the 1947-48 seasons.

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