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Smokejumper Obituary

Hoover, Merle Walter (McCall 1944)

Merle, 90, died November 8, 2010, in Bluffton, Indiana. He was born January 1, 1920. Merle was a member of the Brethren Church and was drafted into Civilian Public Service in 1942 from Goshen, Indiana.

He was a member of the CPS-103 group jumping at McCall during the 1944-45 seasons. Merle got three fire jumps in 1944 and seven in 1945.

After his discharge in 1946, he went to Manchester College in Indiana, graduated in 1949, and began his teaching career. After obtaining his master's degree in 1957 from Ball State University, he went into school administration until his retirement in 1982.

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