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Smokejumper Obituary

Singletary, Richard (Missoula 1951)

Dick, 81, died September 28, 2010, in Surrey, British Columbia. He earned his bachelor's degree from Black Hills State Teachers College, his master's degree from the University of Colorado and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. Dick jumped at Missoula in 1951-52 and taught high school mathematics for 28 years, retiring in 1984. He earned a maritime captain's license and piloted several boats in British Columbia waters. Dick was nearly electrocuted and fell 30 feet from a tree when he was 5, but recovered without any ill effects, and stood and walked at age 81 despite suffering from stenosis of the spine at his neck and lower back.

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