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Shank, Henry "Hank" (Missoula 1947)

Hank, 89, died December 28, 2011, in Boise, Idaho. He attended Weber College (now Weber State University) for a year before joining the Navy in 1943, serving as a radio operator on the USS Missoula. Hank saw action in Iwo Jima and Okinawa before mustering out in March 1946, whereupon he returned to Weber College. He enrolled at the University of Montana, earning a degree in Forestry. He jumped at Missoula in 1946-50 before embarking on a career as a forester in Utah and Idaho, retiring in 1983.

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