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Eriksson, Richard C. (Missoula 1960)

Dick, 70, died Nov. 2, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born in Houston, TX on March 6, 1940, and lived in Stone Mountain, GA, for the past 35 years.

Dick attended Western State College in Colorado, where he earned bachelors and master's degrees in Business Administration, taking those skills to work as a representative in truck sales for the Mack Truck and International Harvester companies.

Dick worked as an Outward Bound instructor in North Carolina and Georgia. He jumped at Missoula from 1960 through 1967. Dick was injured and became a quadriplegic in 1982. Despite his handicap, he volunteered in the Peer Support Program at Shepard Spinal Center in Atlanta, and joined friends and relatives on hunting excursions.

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