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Frankovich, John Albert (Missoula 1946)

John, 85, a retired Tucson attorney, died Oct. 24, 2010, in Tucson, Arizona.

He attended Montana School of Mines, now known as Montana Tech, and earned a degree from the University of Montana School of Business and School of Law.

John joined the Army and served as a tail gunner in Europe during World War II. He jumped at Missoula in 1946-47 before embarking on a career with State Farm Insurance in Great Falls, Montana.

John then joined the legal department of the Anaconda Mining Company in Butte, Montana, and transferred in 1968 to Tucson during Anaconda's expansion to the Southwest.

He was later lead counsel for the Twin Buttes Copper Mine in Green Valley, Arizona; the open-pit mine became a joint venture called Anamax, where John worked until his retirement.

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