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Dawson, James W. (Missoula 1953)

Jim, 77, died April 3, 2010, at his home in Tallahassee, Florida. He graduated from the University of Colorado and later earned his Master's degree from Syracuse University. Jim served with the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division and then as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Dept. of State. He was awarded the Medal for Civilian Service for his efforts with USAID while serving in Vietnam. After retiring from USAID, he was the director of finance at the Lee County Public Health Dept. Jim jumped at Missoula in 1953 and 1956.

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