

December 2009

Smokejumper Obituary: Fessler, Loren W. (Missoula 1946)

National Smokejumper Association

Follow this and additional works at: https://dc.ewu.edu/smokejumper_bios



Part of the [Forest Management Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

National Smokejumper Association, "Smokejumper Obituary: Fessler, Loren W. (Missoula 1946)" (2009). *Smokejumper Obituaries*. 994.

https://dc.ewu.edu/smokejumper_bios/994

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Smokejumper Digital Archive at EWU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Smokejumper Obituaries by an authorized administrator of EWU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jotto@ewu.edu.

Smokejumper Obituary

Fessler, Loren W. (Missoula 1946)

Loren died February 21, 2002, and was buried in Thompson Falls, Montana. During WWII he was a member of OSS operational groups involved in parachuting behind enemy lines in France and China. It was this experience in China that led to his life-long involvement with the Chinese people and that country. Loren jumped at Missoula during the 1946 and '47 seasons, after which he went on to Harvard University to complete two degrees with an emphasis in Chinese.

Loren was a key journalist for Time magazine during the 60s and was the author of many books on China, including the Time-Life publication "China." He continued to live and work in China until health problems necessitated his return to the U.S. in 2000.

(end of excerpt)