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Roberts, D. Ellis (Missoula 1943)

D. Ellis Roberts, 90, a physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology whose work in material testing helped develop the windows used on the space shuttle, died of kidney failure Oct. 19, 2009, at a nursing home in Newark, Del.

He was a member of the CPS-103 jumpers and jumped all three years the program existed. Ellis graduated from the Oregon State University in 1951 with a degree in physics. He joined the NIST in 1953 and retired in 1997.

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