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Cross, Gordon C. (Cave Junction 1951)

Gordon died November 25, 2008 of complications from pneumonia. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Forestry and jumped at Cave Junction for three seasons interrupted by two years in the Army. Following in the footsteps of his father, a famous Alaskan bush pilot, John Cross, Gordon became a commercial airline pilot. Gordon started his career with Wien Air Alaska in 1955. He retired to Las Vegas in 1990.

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