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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Polutnik, Francis L. (Missoula 1952)**

Fran died January 23, 2008, in Helena, Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Business Administration.

Fran was in the U.S. Navy on active duty and the reserves retiring as a Commander in 1983. He jumped at Missoula in 1952 and West Yellowstone 53-55.

Fran joined the Montana State Highway Patrol in 1955 and retired in 1980 as a Captain. He then took over as chief driving examiner for Montana Driver Services, moving to bureau chief for the Montana Department of Justice for Driver Improvement. He retired in 1988, after 33 years of dedicated service to Montana.

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