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Smokejumper Obituary

Conner, Wilson Bennett (North Cascades 1948)

Ben died April 15, 2007, in Harrisburg, PA. In his 18th year of Parkinson's, he fell and broke his hip Easter Sunday and did not recover from the resultant surgery. He was born March 18, 1923 in Philadelphia, PA.

Ben majored in political science at Cornell College in Iowa and competed on Cornell's NCAA Championship wrestling team.

His college education was interrupted by three years in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war he graduated from New York University law school and began his career at Aircraft Marine Products where he went from salesman to Vice President and, finally, Director of Marketing. Ben was a Life Member of the National Smokejumper Association.

Ben jumped at North Cascades 1948-50.

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