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Roe, H. Dwayne (Missoula 1955)

Dwayne , 73, a retired Air National Guard veteran, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease August 2, 2006. He graduated in 1951 from Havre High School, Montana, where he was active in student government and theatre, and ran the mile. He attended Western Montana College at Dillon and continued to be active in school affairs, clubs and the theatre. In 1954, Dwayne was elected student body president.

Summers were spent working for the Forest Service at Seeley Lake, Mont., as preparation for becoming a smokejumper. In 1954, he joined the Montana Air National Guard in Great Falls. He became air operations supervisor of the 186th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, retiring in 1989 as a senior chief master sergeant. Dwayne jumped at Missoula during 1955 season.

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