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Smokejumper Obituary

Gray, Albert L. (Cave Junction 1945)

Professor emeritus Gray died August 5, 2005, in Berea, Ohio. Albert was a CPS-103 jumper during WWII and was active throughout his life in civil rights, nonviolence and poverty problems in the U.S. and Third World.

He was a professor of economics at Baldwin-Wallace University for 27 years and also taught at Drexel, Smith College and Rust College. Even after mandatory retirement age of 70, Albert continued to teach one term a year.

Albert graduated from Drexel University, received his master's from Boston University and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

In an earlier issue of Smokejumper magazine, Albert told of the time in August 1945, when he explained what an Atomic Bomb was to the crew at Cave Junction. He had eight fire jumps during the 1945 season at CJ.

Albert also taught at American University in Cairo, Egypt, and in Nigeria. In retirement he and wife volunteered to teach at two African-American schools in the south: Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR, and Rust College in MS.

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