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McGinnis, Ronald J. (Missoula 1968)

Ron died in his home in Napa Calif., Thursday, April 29, 2004. He graduated from St. Helena High School in 1965, and Napa Valley College in 1969. Ron served his country honorably in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret in the 101st Airborne. A formative part of his life was spent as a smoke jumper in Missoula, Montana where he jumped 1968-69, and 71-79.

Ron would return to the Berryessa area where he learned the skills to become a carpenter for the United States Bureau of Reclamation. He had a love of the outdoors that he shared with his family.

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