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Smokejumper Obituary

Thornton, Darold C. (North Cascades 1969)

Darold, 50, who jumped at the North Cascades base from 1969 through 1972, died of cancer on Dec. 31, 2000, in East Wenatchee, Wash. A college graduate, he worked as a lookout on the Okanogan National Forest for two years before joining the smokejumpers.

Following that, he worked for the ERA Electric Co. in Twisp, then transferred to the Douglas County Public Utility District in 1977. He had been a lineman, wireman, foreman and, for the past five years, a power dispatcher. His brother Dell, a 1966 Winthrop jumper, preceded him in death.

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