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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Malone, Michael E. (Missoula 1953)**

Mike passed away at a Seattle hospital on December 22, 1998. He had been visiting relatives at Redmond, just east of Seattle. Mike and his wife were residing at Polson, Montana. (In 1994 they had been living at Meridian, Idaho.) He was 63 years old. He is survived by his widow Ella and three daughters. Mike was a retired United Airlines pilot and a retired U.S. Navy Reserve commander. He had served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat pilot, and received numerous commendations and awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was well known for his fearless love of life, his loyalty to others and his nonstop sense of humor.

Mike jumped at Missoula 1953-56.

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