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Helmer, Gerald (Winthrop 1953)

Jerry, 24, died June 23, 1958, in the crash of a Twin-Beech on the Eight Mile Ridge Fire 15 miles north of Winthrop, WA. He was 24 at the time and lived in Sweet Home, OR. Jerry had served as a paratrooper in the Korean War. He enlisted in October 1953 and was discharge August 1955.

He was born June 3, 1933, in Wadena, Minnesota. Jerry is buried in Dallas, Oregon. He jumped at NCSB 1953, 1956-58.

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