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Smokejumper Obituary

Hendrickson, Alonzo Keith "Gus" (Winthrop 1947)

Gus was born on September 14, 1928, in Havana, Kansas. He was married April 4, 1954 and had one child during his marriage. Gus died as a young father on June 23, 1958, in Winthrop, Washington, at the age of 29, and was buried in Omak, Washington. Gus was in the USAF 1951-55

Gus was on a twin beech dropping cargo on the Eight Mile Ridge Fire 15 miles north of Winthrop when it crashed. He was foreman at NCSB at the time of the crash. He jumped at NCSB 1947-51 and 1955-58.

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