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Smokejumper Obituary

Piper, Leonard L. (Missoula 1949)

Leonard, 23, died August 5, 1949, along with 11 other Missoula smokejumpers in the Mann Gulch Fire. He was born July 5, 1926, in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Leonard was a Machinist Mate 3rd Class U.S. Navy during WWII. He is pictured in the 1948 yearbook of Montana State University (Missoula).

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