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Smokejumper Obituary

Oertli, Herb (Missoula 1948)

Herb, 67, died October 21, 1991, in Missoula, Montana. He was born in Hamilton, Montana November 29, 1923 and graduated from Hamilton High School and went to work for the Todd shipyards in Seattle. Herb served in the Army as a sergeant in charge of a radar unit.

Following his discharge, he went to work for the Forest Service on a trail crew, followed by his time as a smokejumper and later as Fire Control Officer on the Sula Ranger District. He retired in 1974 as a dispatcher at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula.

Herb jumped at Missoula 1948-52, 54-60, and at Grangeville in 1953.

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