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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Koester, John Timothy (Cave Junction 1955)**

Tim died April 15, 2002, at his home in Olympia, Washington, at the age of 64.

He jumped from Cave Junction 1955-56, from Redding in 1957 and from Fairbanks during the 1963 through 1965 fire seasons.

Born in Chatsworth, California, he graduated from high school in Kernville, California, then attended college in Southern California. He was a flight instructor, copilot for an airline, then flew for several years as a bush pilot in Alaska. At the time of his death, he was vice president of marketing for the Soloy Corp.

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