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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Hannon, Gary Clark (Missoula 1960)**

Gary died October 10, 2021, after a brief battle with Parkinson's. He was born in Hamilton, Montana, November 11, 1938, and graduated from Darby H.S. where he was a star running back and selected for the East/West Shrine game. Gary attended college in Dillon and Bozeman and graduated with a degree in Education. Gary was one of the smokejumpers recruited by the CIA and worked in Marana, AZ, and Laos. He married Betsy in 1965 and their twins were born in Thailand in 1970. After returning to the U.S., Gary worked for Sierra Pacific Airlines until his retirement. Gary jumped at Missoula 1960-62 and was a Life Member of the National Smokejumper Association.

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