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Kurowski, Ed J. (Missoula 1961)

Ed died August 26, 2021. He was born November 23, 1938, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1955. Ed served two years in the Air Force and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and his master's from the University of Idaho. He taught physics and electronics for forty-two years including Portage, Wisconsin Jr./Sr. high schools 1963-72, Lakes Jr. H.S., Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 1974-78, and Coeur d' Alene H.S. 1979-2005.

Ed's career with the USFS was exceptional and covered an amazing forty-seven seasons. He jumped 1961, 63, 82, 84-85 at Missoula, worked as a smokechaser and finally ended up managing the Air Tanker Base at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

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