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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Hodge, Phillip M. "Mike" (Cave Junction 1954)**

Mike died September 3, 2001, in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was born April 13, 1935, in Jefferson City where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1953. Mike served in the Army before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol where he was a helicopter pilot, motorcycle patrolman and aide to Governor John Dalton. He was on the security team of Sec. of Interior Stuart Udall during a float trip on the Current River. After the trip, Udall, helped to pass the Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. Mike owned and operated Centre Island Lodge in Canada and served as a State Marshall for the Missouri Supreme Court before he fully retired in 1999. Mike jumped at CJ 1954-56.

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