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Orr, Roderic Allen (Redmond 1983)

Rod died September 30, 2009, at his home in Eagle River, Alaska, after a four-year battle against cancer. He was born July 6, 1958, in Fullerton, Calif., and raised in Santa Barbara.

Rod was a graduate of Humboldt State University, California, with a degree in wildlife biology. He rookied at Redmond in 1983 and transferred to Fairbanks in 1984 where he jumped until 1988.

Rod was a commercial fisherman aboard the F/V Goldeneye from 1989-1990.

He began a flying career in 1991 as a charter pilot and eventually flew freight internationally in 747s for Atlas Air.

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