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Smokejumper Obituary

Strohmyer, Richard Allen (Missoula 1977)

Rick, 58, died of a heart attack July 15, 2009. He was born on April 8, 1951, in Lexington, Nebraska.

He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Forestry. Rick jumped at Missoula 1977-78 and West Yellowstone 1979-84 logging 126 jumps.

In 1985, he started a 24-year career with the Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation and had been in Miles City for the last six years as Regional Area Manager.

Rick was also a professional musician performing fiddle, banjo and guitar region wide in the Sweetwater Bluegrass Band, and a family band called "Southpaw."

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