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## Smokejumper Obituary

### **Jori, Henry O. (Pilot 0000)**

Hank, 89, died May 18, 2005 at his home in Occidental, California. He grew up near Red Bluff, California, and started flying in 1932 when he purchased a Travelair 2000 biplane.

At the start of WWII Hank, was a flight instructor and later ferried C-47s across the Pacific to Australia. In 1944 he was sent to India where he flew C-46s over the "Hump" to China and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war Hank operated Jori Flying Service in Red Bluff until he hired on full-time with the U.S. Forest service where he flew lead planes, air tankers and dropped jumpers. Hank retired from the Forest Service in 1964 and from private flying in 1980 after nearly 50 years in the cockpit.

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