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Hunt, 90, died December 7, 2022. He was born March 6, 1932, in Moscow, Idaho. He graduated from high school in 1950 in the bottom quarter of his class. Hunt stated in his memoir, "after the fishing, hunting, and girl chasing, I didn't have much time for studying." He later graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in Forestry. In 1963 he joined the USAF where he flew jet fighters.

After the service, Hunt began flying for Trans World Airlines for 28 years from 1964-92. He was also a commercial fisherman and a tree farmer. In 1995 he was the runner-up for the National Tree Farmer of the Year. Hunt jumped at Missoula 1953-55.

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