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Demmons, Jack Lawrence (Missoula 1950)

Jack died September 18, 2022. He was born June 15, 1930, in West Riverside, Montana. His father came to Bonner, Montana, in the 1880s to work in the mill. Jack attended Bonner School, Missoula County H.S., and the University of Montana. He joined the Army in 1952 and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Jack was Superintendent of Bonner School District 1974-85 and started the Bonner School historic photo collection. He continued with this effort until 1985, collecting more than 1,600 photos from current and past residents.

Jack was a key part of the NSA's early years working day after day at the NSA office in the Museum of Mountain Flying and publishing the quarterly issue of the "Static Line." He was an important part of the development of the NSA in the early years.

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