



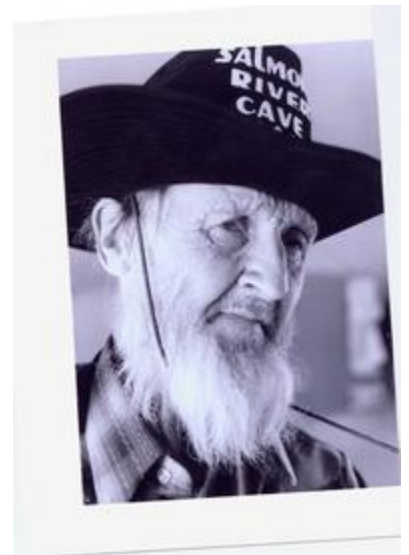
Richard Zimmerman

Salmon, Idaho | Wednesday, April 21 2010

Richard E. Zimmerman, 94, also known as Dugout Dick and the Salmon River Cave Man, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in Salmon, Idaho.

Born February 26, 1916 in Milford, Indiana, he was the son of Ernest Zimmerman and Ruth (Pefley) Trout.

He originally went out west for his love of ranching, mining and lumber jacking. He made his home in a hand dug cave on the Salmon River in Idaho for 60 years. Because of this, he has been featured over the years in newspapers and magazines. He was a well known figure in Salmon, ID and tourists would often spend the night in one of the 14 caves he eventually dug.



Surviving is a brother, Raymond J. Zimmerman of Alton and a sister, Mildred Yeager of Alton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harley Zimmerman and a sister, Frances Patchet.

Graveside services will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

Online guestbook and information may be found at