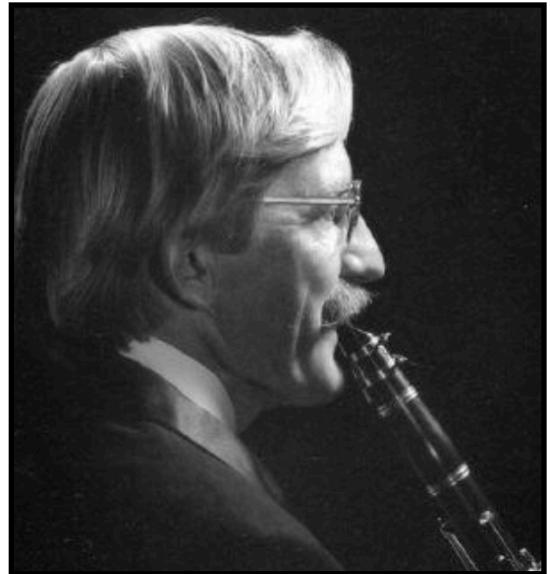


Monroe “Spud” DeJarnette



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1929-2023

DeJarnette had several very separate careers. He was a talented musician, a conductor, a national park ranger, a smoke jumper, and a teacher.

He was born in Sandpoint, Idaho. He served in the U.S. military in the Korean War. In 1960 DeJarnette and his family moved to California where he taught music and he and his wife Betty joined the Sacramento Camellia Symphony and played with them for 25 years. After he retired he co-founded the California Orchestra Director Association and was conductor of the Sacramento Youth Symphony. In the 1970s they moved to Auburn. Monroe became president of the Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the 49er Lions Club. He helped found the Auburn Symphony and was a huge promoter of the Auburn State Theater. In 2000, he was awarded the McCann award for outstanding community leadership and volunteerism.