

# Edward W. "Ed" Bryant

August 27, 1945 - February 10, 2017

Edward W. "Ed" Bryant passed away Feb. 10 at his home in Denver, Colo. He had been ill and had life-long physical issues resulting from diabetes. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Anne Bryant. He is survived by his brothers, Douglas and his wife Christine, of Mount Dora, Fla.; Kevin and partner Alyce Bowman of Wheatland; nephew, Andy Bryant of Montclair, NJ; and one niece, Jennifer Flynn of Shorwood, Wisc. Ed is also survived by his friends and the community for science fiction writers and fans across the country.

Edward Bryant was born in White Plains, NY in 1945. Following the end of World War II, his parents and their infant son moved to a cattle ranch west of Wheatland. He learned at an early age to herd cattle and drive a tractor, yet his mind wandered and he fantasized about other worlds and dimensions and creatures. During his high school years, he published a science fiction fan magazine called Ad Astra (To the Stars). After receiving a master's degree in English Literature at the University of Wyoming, he lived in Los Angeles, Calif., and New York, NY., before returning to the Rocky Mountain West he loved and which inspired many of his stories. His science fiction and horror publications were diverse. Edward was

mostly known for his short stories, including the Nebula Award winning stories, "Stone" and "giAnts", as well as several other nominated works. He also wrote novels, "Phoenix Without Ashes", poetry, reviews, and screenplays for shows appearing on CBS, Lifetime, and Disney. One of his short stories, "While She Was Out", was adapted for the movie version starring Kim Basinger. Throughout his career, Ed conducted writing workshops mentoring many younger or newer writers to improve their skills whether published or not. Among his workshop attendees were Connie Willis and Dan Simmons, who became best selling authors. Ed was highly respected as an author, but was maybe even more respected as a thoughtful, generous and kind man who will be missed. But, memories of his trademark Hawaiian shirts, appearing as a toastmaster in a tuxedo on roller skates, hanging a spoon on his nose in restaurants, wearing a Creature from the Black Lagoon mask while in the hospital, and so many more antics to make people smile will live on.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held on June 4 at 1 p.m. at the Mercury Café events facility in Denver, Colo. His ashes will be interred in the Wheatland cemetery with his parents. Memorial donations may be made to the PAWS, P.O. Box 1501 Wyo. 82201.