



Edward Wayne Harris

July 14, 1957 - January 31, 2021

Ed Harris, JD, a renaissance cowboy, has died after a courageous battle with liver cancer. All the radiation and chemotherapy could not save his life, but he led an incredibly full life before he left us. Raised in rural Wyoming, Ed attended Harvard University on a full academic scholarship, where he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree. He went on to the University of Sydney, Australia to work on his Master's Degree. Ed then received his law degree from the University of Wyoming. There he met the love of his life, Mary Anne Martell. They married in 1985, and were married 35 years. After years of practicing law in Cheyenne, Ed clerked for the Wyoming Supreme Court for over ten years. His colleagues often described him as the smartest guy in the room.

Beyond Ed's love for the law, he loved volunteering at Loveland's Sculpture in the Park Show & Sale, playing alto saxophone with the Wellington Community Band, quilting and gardening. He was an avid organizer and participant in the Annual Quilt Show & Sale supporting the Buckeye Community Club. For several years, Ed served on the board of Loveland High Plains Arts Council where he coordinated the Adopt-a-Garden Program, lending his artistic eye to the design and care of garden spaces and the placement of sculptures. He was a lifelong learner and voracious reader, with a special fondness for Western literature. Above all, he loved being "Uncle Ed" to his niece and nephew Ginny and Steve Harris and his nephew Antonio Martell-Rodriguez.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne, whose own battle with multiple sclerosis Ed has championed, hand-in-hand and by her side for many years. Also surviving Ed are his brother John and wife Becky, his niece, nephews, several cousins and his mother's twin sister Joan (Lloyd) Dayton, sister-in-law Patty (Tim) Murray, brother-in-law Jim Martell and Christy.

Preceding him in death were his mother Jean, his father Wayne, his grandparents, various aunts, uncles and cousins, and his mother-in-law Betty Anne (Joel Husted) Martell. Following cremation, Ed's ashes will be spread at his beloved "Alleged Ranch", where he lived for 30 years.

Memorials may be directed to any of Ed's favorite charities: Buckeye Community Club, Friends of the Wellington Library, CSU Athletic Department, or KUNC - Community Radio for Northern Colorado. Contributions in Ed's honor should be sent C/O Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *M.A., we were shocked and that Ed died so suddenly and so young. At least now he is peaceful and without pain.*

We know you will keep your precious memories of your time together forever in your heart. Take care of yourself.

We know, too, that Lloyd and Jo are suffering from Ed's loss, and we know they will also keep him close in their hearts and minds.

John and Ann Binning

Ann Binning - February 16, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *We so appreciated all that Ed did for the Loveland High Plains Arts Council. He was a valuable Board Member and did amazing things with our Adopt-A-Garden program. He will definitely be missed. Sending our love to MA at this difficult time.*

Kristi Elyce

Executive Director

Loveland High Plains Arts Council

Kristi Elyce - February 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JB

“ Ed was a friend, colleague and treasured member of our chamber at the Wyoming Supreme Court. He was a true teammate in the best sense of the term. He made all of us better. I could go on about his legal skills for quite a while, but what stands out most for me was his kindness, his caring for others and his humility. Ed was a gentle soul with a delightful, whimsical aspect. (Ed's skeleton feet were a Halloween tradition.) He spoke often of MA and life on the "Alleged Ranch"). He loved her dearly. We will miss him. All our best to you, MA in this difficult time. Jim and Linda Burke

Jim Burke - February 12, 2021 at 01:06 PM

BC

“ Our sincere condolences to Mary Anne and Ed's family.
Barry Feldman and Barbara Cohen

barbara cohen - February 11, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LW

“ Ed Harris was a friend of ours for many years, via his work with the Loveland Sculpture Show and various gardening and landscaping activities. Ed was the quintessential renaissance man: his interests were so broad, and his skill level was nearly breath-taking. As noted in the paper, he was invariably the smartest guy in the room. As if that were not enough, Ed was also one of the most gentle and kind individuals we've ever shared time with. He shall be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, especially Mary Anne, to whom we offer our deepest condolences.

Linda & Tom Watkins - February 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM

AO

“ We loved our discussions of current trends in "the law business" with Ed. Always engaging, Ed was so gracious to invite us up to Cheyenne, along with MA, to view cases being heard at the Wyoming Supreme Court. And, we are so happy to have several of Ed's quilting pieces. Gary especially enjoyed talks with Ed while travelling to treatments in Denver. We miss you, Ed.

MA, we are here for you.

Gary and Anna Olsen

ANNA OLSEN - February 10, 2021 at 02:22 PM

MG

“ *Mary Ann, my heart aches for you at this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Marcee (Mercer) Gustafson

Marcee Gustafson - February 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM

DA

“ *I know the loss. It is great. It does heal. PEACE!*

Dan Dean

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dandean - February 08, 2021 at 08:15 AM