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Edward Brandt Reed, professor of zoology from 1959-1972, died suddenly Nov. 27.

Edward Brandt Reed, 86, died suddenly of heart failure in Fort Collins on Nov. 27, 2006. His death came only six weeks after that of his wife Phyllis Reed.

Edward Reed was born in Longmont on Jan. 11, 1920, the only child of Charles L. Reed Jr., and Arabelle Brandt Reed. He grew up on the family-owned Brinwood Ranch in Moraine Park and graduated from Estes Park High School in 1938. He served for five years in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone at the time of Pearl Harbor. Subsequently he served in campaigns in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge, and was discharged in 1945.

On Jan. 2, 1946, he married Phyllis Vawter, forming a partnership that lasted 60 years.

Like many other World War II veterans, Edward Reed took advantage of the GI Bill to complete his education. The family lived in Fort Collins' Vet Village while he attended what is now Colorado State University in the early 1950s. Edward went on to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Saskatchewan.

Specialist in limnology and aquatic biology

He returned to CSU as a member of the Department of Zoology, where he taught from 1959 to 1972. He was a specialist in limnology and aquatic biology, carrying out field research in the Colorado Rockies, Alaska, the lakes of northern Canada and the Austrian Alps.

In 1972 Edward left CSU to found Ecology Consultants Inc., which carried out environmental impact studies on mining, energy-producing and other proposed projects in the United States and abroad, including pre-Islamic Revolutionary Iran. The small company later merged into Environmental Research and Technology, for which Edward continued to work until retirement in 1982.

Commitment to the scientific understanding of the natural world

Edward Reed combined a love of the outdoors with a commitment to the scientific understanding of the natural world. He was interested in photography, art, genealogy, history and a variety of other subjects.

He is survived by a son, Dale, of Palo Alto, Calif.; a daughter, Jean Hauser of Phoenix; and two grandsons, Brian Hauser of Dallas, and Geoffrey Hauser of Phoenix.

A joint memorial service for Phyllis and Edward Reed will be at **11 a.m. Dec. 12** in the **Cheyenne Room** at the **Marriott Hotel** in Fort Collins and is *open to friends and family*.

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