Ronald "Mick" Marchitelli was born June 5, 1943 in Niagara Falls, New York, the son of Hercule and Marian Marchitelli. He worked as a mechanic in New York, Connecticut, and later in Wyoming, where he spent the majority of his life. He owned Mobile Mechanic in Laramie and enjoyed working at the University of Wyoming during the last ten years of his life. He had numerous hobbies and interests. He was an accomplished falconer and rehabilitated raptors for the Wyoming Fish and Game Department. He was an award winning pigeon racer, show breeder of a variety of rabbits, a little league coach, a licensed private pilot and plane owner and an avid history buff. He read Louie L’Amour books and wanted to live among the cowboys. He had wanted to move to England but his dog would have to have been quarantined. He thought about Alaska but didn’t have the money to get there. So, he built a trailer that said “Wyoming or bust” and headed west with Cindy, two children and a dog. After a stop in Cheyenne, they loved Laramie. He met some folks doing raptor rehabilitation at the university and his ongoing interest in birds took off. He became a rehabilitator, took his falconry exam and began his love affair in earnest. He took no money. For over 30 years, he was an active raptor enthusiast, quick to comment on regulatory changes which affected falconry and conservation of birds of prey. His outstanding service in raptor rescue and rehabilitation was recognized by Wyoming Fish and Game. Mick was survived by his loving wife, Cynthia (Cindy), and two children, Michael and Rita, their spouses and eight grandchildren.

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Mick (and Cindy) donated uncounted hours to nurturing and doctoring birds that had a chance of flying again.

-Sharon Anderson, Wyoming Fish & Game

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