

# In Memoriam

With sadness we announce the death of Ernie Page. Ernie died suddenly in March, the victim of a heart attack. Founder and 18-year veteran director of the Kern/Eastern Sierra Writing Project at Cal State Bakersfield, Ernie will be greatly missed by hundreds of friends, students and colleagues across the country who had the pleasure of knowing his warm, exuberant spirit.



*Ernie Page*

Born in Pennsylvania, Ernie received his B.A. from St. Francis College, and a Master's and Ph.D. from Penn State. He taught in California public schools for seven years, and also at San Diego State University and West Georgia College before landing at CSU Bakersfield in 1980, where he founded the Kern/Eastern Sierra Writing Project site that same year.

Ernie's passion for all things Italian was well-known to his many friends and acquaintances. He often referred to the writing project community as his *familia*.