Monty Harrisons was a professor at Colorado State University from 1962-1990. Monty was born in Afton, WY in 1934. He is married and raised four children in Fort Collins. He received his education at the University of Wyoming with a B.S. in Agronomy and M.S. in Plant Pathology and a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Minnesota in 1962.

Monty’s research program supported the state's potato industry with research into the biology and management of the region's major potato diseases. Monty was a regional and national leader in potato research and with the Potato Association. He was active in the American Phytopathological Society, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi. He enjoyed spending Sabbaticals and other special leave working on potatoes issues in Scotland, Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, Costa Rica, Israel and Dominican Republic.

Monty took his turn at administration as acting Associate Dean and Associate Dean. Monty was an active teacher handling the Elements of Plant Pathology, Epidemiology of Plant Diseases and Insect-Plant Disease Relationships courses. Monty enjoyed graduate students and teaching undergraduates. He was always supportive of students and helped them succeed at CSU and afterward. Monty and his wife reside in Severance Colorado.