Dr. Charles "Bill" William Clendenin Jr.

State Geologist of South Carolina, 1995-2020

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Obituary of Dr. Charles "Bill" William Clendenin Jr.


COLUMBIA - Dr. Charles "Bill" William Clendenin Jr., son, husband, dad, papa, coach, trout fishing aficionado and field geologist left us all this past Wednesday — May 19, 2021, doing what he loved...throwing flies for rainbows and browns. Bill is survived by his mother, Mabel Pauline Clendenin — 103, but joins his sister, Sharon McCall and father, Charles William Clendenin Sr. at the homestead beyond. He leaves behind a loving wife, Lynn; his children and their spouses: Kristin and Matt Wenc, Sarah and Nate Crowe, and Robert and Jessica; and his grandchildren: Ella, Lily, Carter, and soon to be born Willa.

For all the people that knew Bill, they either loved him or thought he was a non-PC ass, but that's what made the man who he was. A fishin', huntin', cigar smokin’, tobacco-spittin’, wild man that loved his family and friends is what the world lost, but the memories and stories of his adventures will remain and be told (if legally/morally allowed) for years to come. Though we are all a bit down right now of Bill's passing, the trout of the Saluda, Current, and South Holston Rivers all breathed a collective bubble of relief that the man that was slowly trying to become a trout will no longer be tricking them with his hand-tied lures.