

Charles Walter “Bud” Hendry, Jr. (1925-2018)

Charles Walter "Bud" Hendry Jr., who served as State Geologist and Florida Geological Survey ‘Chief’ from 1971 to 1988, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2018. Bud was an Honorary Member of the Association of American State Geologists and had the distinction of receiving the first Master of Science degree in geology from Florida State University.



Born in 1925, Bud began his career at the FGS in 1949 as a draftsman’s assistant. During his 39-year tenure at the FGS, he held positions including Stratigrapher, Director of Water Resource Investigations, and Assistant State Geologist. He contributed to 19 Survey publications and, in the early years of geoscience informing policy, was lead author of the 1957 “FGS Information Circular 10: Interim Report on the Progress of an Inventory of Artesian Wells in Florida, Leading to the Enforcement of Sections 370.051-370.054, Florida Statutes.” From a Tallahassee perspective, Florida geoscientists are all familiar with Bulletin 47 (1966), *Geology and Ground-Water Resources of Leon County, Florida* by C.W. Hendry Jr. and C.R. Sproul. Perhaps the most notable of Bud’s contributions, however, was “Bulletin 31 (Revised, 1977), *Springs of Florida*,” a 461-page document he co-authored.

Under Bud’s leadership as Florida’s 4th State Geologist, the FGS created the state’s mine reclamation regulatory section, and expanded Florida’s oil and gas regulatory program with field offices in Jay and Fort Myers. Bud worked closely with Florida Governor Reubin Askew, leading to signing of the 1978 Phosphate Land Reclamation Act. Bud also recognized the need for geology by land-use planners and implemented the FGS environmental geology mapping series.

Current Director Jon Arthur remembers Bud fondly: “During my early days as a student intern geologist at FGS, I had the pleasure of knowing Bud and have always enjoyed my conversations with him over the years. Bud was a personable, passionate and wise leader, quick to laugh and equally quick to get to business.” Jon also remarked “Today’s leaders serve in the shadows of giants. Bud was indeed a giant, helping to build and sustain the FGS as a fine institution.”