



Physically challenge kids having a day at the pond.

Trout Unlimited Chapter Duo(s)



William Denman “Denny” Burries 1929-2014

Basin Creek, Garden Creek – Charlotte, North Carolina

Denny Burries joined the Navy in 1951. After his service in the Navy, he was employed by Texaco for more than 25 years including his assignment to the Charlotte area. He joined and both he and his wife, Phyllis, became very active in the Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited teaming up with Joe and Mary Anne Summer. They were the chapter duos, volunteering together and fly fishing together almost every week. Denny served as Chapter Director in 1984-85 and again in 2000-02. He served as Chapter Vice-President in 1986 and was elected the fourth Chapter President, serving in 1987-88. After many years in Charlotte and after the loss of his wife Phyllis, he remarried and moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. In his final years, he returned to live in Charlotte and had always fully supported and contributed to the Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. As President,

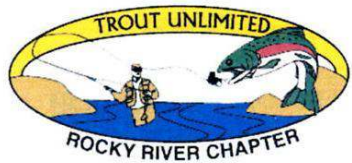


Denny championed the Cap's Handicapped-Access Pond project on Boone Fork Creek during his Chapter leadership.

“During the Golden Years of the Rocky River Chapter, we met at the Duke Power Transmission Department Auditorium across from the Park Road Shopping Center (Total Wine is one of the stores there now). We would draw a huge percentage of our members - a few times as many as over one hundred would attend. We very often had great programs which were provided by guests who came from throughout the state –



Jim Dean, Curtis Wooten, Jim Casada, Fred Harris, and many others.



As we had left the cafeteria setting we did not have a meal, but rather refreshments. One of the most dedicated leaders of the chapter was Phyllis Burries who either provided refreshments or saw to it that

others (i.e. Mary Summer, Mary Schmulling, and many other wives) brought the goodies.” – *Alen Baker*



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Denny’s Wife, Phyllis L. Burries 1930 – 1997

“While I served as President in 1987 and 1988 and many years before and after in other roles, Phyllis Burries, my wife was also a



dedicated member of the Rocky River Chapter and gave many years of service, providing refreshments as part of the monthly programs. Since we met at the Duke Power auditorium during those years rather than a meeting room at a restaurant or cafeteria Phyllis made sure we were all well-nourished in the evening with cookies, cake, soft drinks and other goodies that she and others made at home. She enjoyed streamside trips and other Chapter activities. May she forever be streamside and at peace with a trophy trout in heaven!”

– *Denny Burries*



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