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Clyde Wahrhaftig was educated at Caltech and Harvard, worked for the U.S. Geological Survey from 1941 to 1994, and taught at U.C. Berkeley from 1960 to 1982. He began geological field work in Alaska in 1941 using horses and pack trains for field support. Clyde noted that he was one of the first to use helicopters for Alaska field studies and among the first to abandon them as too dangerous. His often-cited published contributions include detailed geologic maps of 1:63,360-scale quadrangles in central Alaska and reports on Alaskan coal and mineral resources, uplift of the Alaska Range, and Quaternary geology and geologic processes. Clyde was a superb field geologist, an inspiring teacher, an engaging storyteller, and a mentor to many.