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Re: Bill Hayes Anglers Pro Shop

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I was at the viewing/service last night. Packed house. We should all be so lucky as to have what had to be 100+ folks come to see us off. A bunch of guys like us (craven outdoorsmen and flyfishermen instructed and/or inspired by Bill) staggering around trying to wrap our heads around the situation, and of course his family.

For the record, he died of a massive heart attack. He had been experiencing excruciating pain from a chronic neck injury over the past year or so.

Bill was always the guy I called on for advice, fishing or otherwise. I could count on him to call for a general life update at least once a month. I've lost one of my closest friends, and we have all lost one of the world's great fishermen and one of the all time great dudes. Fishing-wise, it's as if the Library at Alexandria burned.

I'm supposing that God himself must have decided to do more offshore fly-fishing and thus decided to permanently retain the one to whom he gave the greatest talents.

There won't be any more like him, ever. Godspeed, bruddah.