

Dr. Mark Allen Everett

Having Fun Doing Good

Philanthropy played a major role in Mark Allen Everett's life. In 1960 as a young physician, he formed a private foundation as a means to support his charitable interests in the arts and education. In 1993, Dr. Everett, a longtime teacher at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, transferred the foundation's assets to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to create the Everett Family Foundation Fund. Through this fund and several others he established in honor of family members, he lived out his personal motto of "Having Fun Doing Good."

"I see the funds I've established more as educational tools for later generations; a way to encourage them to direct money to charitable causes and to be involved in the spirit of doing good and giving," he said in 2003.

Born in Oklahoma City in 1928, Dr. Everett earned his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he began a distinguished medical career at the College of Medicine that spanned more than 40 years. An expert in skin diseases, he served as chair of the Department of Dermatology for more than 30 years. The school recognized his dedicated service by naming the building in his honor.

Medicine may have been his career but the arts were Dr. Everett's passion. He was an avid collector of paintings, sculpture, rare books and ancient artifacts, much of which he donated to museums including the University of Oklahoma's Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

Dr. Everett died in 2006 at the age of 78. He is remembered by family and friends as a charming, brilliant, witty, opinionated and, most importantly, a consummately generous man.

