

# Allie P. Reynolds

## *Honoring his heritage*

Although he pitched for the New York Yankees and was a successful businessman, Allie P. Reynolds never forgot his heritage. Born to a father who was Creek Indian and a mother of European descent, Mr. Reynolds was not reared in a traditional American Indian household yet he maintained a strong respect for his father's ancestry.

A standout all-around athlete at Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City, Mr. Reynolds earned an athletic scholarship to Oklahoma State University where he excelled in football, track and baseball. It would be his prowess as a pitcher that led him to play professional baseball for both the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. A nagging back injury ended an impressive 11-year career that included nine World Series starts and the accomplishment of being the third pitcher in major league history to pitch two no-hit games in a single season. His success on the baseball diamond was replicated in the business world; at one time he owned both Atlas Mud Company and Reynolds Petroleum.

A dedicated civic volunteer, Mr. Reynolds was recognized with several honors including receiving the Creek Nation's Medallion Award. Prior to his death in 1994, he came to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to establish the Allie P. Reynolds Trust to benefit the Center of the American Indian, now known as Red Earth, an organization for which he served as board president. When he created the fund he stated, "I'm pleased with what I did in baseball but I think I've done other things as well."

