

Professor Mark Allen Everitt

1928-2006

Professor Mark Allen Everett, a prominent Oklahoma City Physician, Pathologist and arts patron died of cancer on 3rd June 2006, shortly after his 78th birthday. Mark was born in Oklahoma City to a distinguished medical family and spent his entire career there. He served as Chair, Department of Dermatology 1963-1997, interim Chair Department of Pathology 1980 – 1985. He became a Regents Professor and was the College of Medicine Physician of the Year for Academic Medicine 1988. He also received the Dean's Award for distinguished medical service in 1993. The Dermatology building was recently named after him in his honour. At a national level Mark served as President of the American Society of Dermato-pathology and the American Dermatologic Association. He was an expert Dermatopathologist and an expert in skin diseases of Native Indian Americans.

Mark pursued a lifelong interest in the Arts and became an avid collector

of paintings, sculpture, rare books and ancient artefacts. His generosity was such that he funded scholarships in ballet, music, art and medicine.

With such interests it was inevitable that Mark would visit the U.K. and Europe frequently. He became an Anglophile and enjoyed the Arts and Dermatology to the full on his regular visits to BAD meetings. I became particularly well acquainted with him in 1980 when he asked me to join him in the formation of the International Committee of Dermatopathology which later laid the foundations for the formation of the Diploma in Dermatopathology and European Dermatopathology certification examinations. His charming, witty and individual style soon tended to win over potential opponents to his point of view. Mark carried his English interests to the full sometimes bordering on the eccentric and tried to create an English style garden in the heat of an Oklahoma summer. I can vividly remember been given the



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responsibility of watering his Box hedge each day of my generous stay at his house!

Mark was a good friend of British Dermatology and Dermatopathology and his style and flair will be missed by all who knew him.

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