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A. Everette James, Jr. — In Memoriam

The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) is saddened to announce that A. Everette James, Jr. died on March 14, 2017 at the age of 78.



Dr. James was an NCRP Council member from 1979 to 1997; serving on both the Budget and Finance and Nominating Committees. He chaired Scientific Committee 51B that produced NCRP Report No. 73 on *Protection in Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound Diagnostic Procedures in Children* (1983).

An avid art collector, Everette James donated two pieces to NCRP — “The Clipper Yacht America” (unknown artist) and “The Stream” (David B. Walkley) — that many visitors to NCRP headquarters in Bethesda have appreciated over the years.

Dr. James completed his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina in 1959 and graduated from Duke University Medical School in 1963. His post-doctoral work was at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, and as Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in England. He was a Picker Advanced Academic Fellow under Russell H. Morgan at Johns Hopkins. He also graduated in Program Health Systems Management at the Harvard Business School.

Dr. James began his professional career as the Director of Radiological Research Laboratories at Johns Hopkins Medical School (1971 to 1975). He was appointed Chair and Professor of Radiological Sciences at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1975 and founded the Vanderbilt Center for Medical Imaging Research. For over 20 y, he served as a consultant to the National Zoo of the Smithsonian traveling worldwide in the study of exotic animals.

Everette was a Tennessee Squire, a Kentucky Colonel, and a recipient of North Carolina’s Long Leaf Pine Award. In 2015 he received the prestigious North Carolina Award from the Governor for notable accomplishments in the Fine Arts. He was a member of Leadership Nashville and a life member of Vietnam Veterans. Delightful stories about Everette include shenanigans at Massachusetts General Hospital and climbing through a South American forest to x-ray Tamarin monkeys!

Everette was an active member and leader of many organizations. He was President of the Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiology Departments, the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), and the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS); and received the Gold Medal Award from both the AUR and the ARRS. He was a Scholar and Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Medicine and a Visiting Scientist at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. James authored over 540 articles, 200 book chapters, and 20 books on medicine, law, ethics, art, folklore, and fictional works. Popular novels include: [Severance](#), [Rutledge](#), [Tales of Dismal Swamp](#), and [Knights in White: A Novella](#).

Everette is survived by his wife Nancy J. Farmer, son Everette III (wife Gretchen), daughter Jeanette James Whitson (husband Clay), and four grandchildren. A true “southern gentleman,” Everette is already missed by his family and his many friends and colleagues.