

## Woodrow W. "Woody" Everett, Jr. Class of 1955

Following the path trod by many of our inductees, Woody Woodrow was active during his years at Murphy: he served in the Student Government Association He was elected to various student government positions and was selected by teachers to represent MHS in Mobile City Student Government Day-the other student reps elected Woody to Mayor. He participated in various clubs: Future Engineers Club, Gate Club, and Ushers Club. He was on the MOHIAN staff and served as editor of 2 sections his senior year. For the Future Engineers Club, he served as VP and President and led their mechanical-toy-repair-Christmas project for indigent kids. Woody also directed energy toward his studies, earning membership in National Honor Society and graduating with great honor. Two honors awarded Woody by his classmates were being elected as class favorite and senior speaker.

He continued his education at George Washington University - B.S. in Electrical Eng. -1959, Cornell University- M.S.-1965, Ph. D. -1968. Woody participated in Air Force JROTC, rising to the rank of Squadron Commander, and transition into 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the reserve. He served active duty at Keesler, Aiken, and Eglin Air Force bases, returning to reserve status and retiring in 1990 as a Colonel.

Woody worked at numerous institutions including Air Command and Staff College, National Defense University, Defense Systems Management College, U.S. and Air Force Rome Air Development Center Post-Doctoral Program. He taught, researched, developed, and patented work. He was the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Southeastern Center for Electrical Engineering (1976)\*, eventually serving as Chairman Emeritus, trustee for SCEEE Endowed Funds; and he was the Founding Chairman of Board of Directors, Northeastern Center for Electrical Engineering (1976 to present). The establishing of these two organizations was listed as his most notable achievement by his nominator. Woody is also the Author of multiple books in engineering and a member of professional organizations such as the Institute of Electrical and electronic engineers, American Society for Engineering Education, Air Force Assoc., and the Reserve Officers Assoc.

Although very active in his professional field, Woody still found time to be a part of organizations that supported his community and his faith. These include Rotary International, where he held various positions including president; When living in Groton NY, he served for the Groton Youth Center, as Cub Scout Pack leader, on the Zoning Appeals Planning boards, and Little league; He purchased and restored two historic sites-one on Florida and one in Virginia.

Woody has also "put his money where his mouth (or heart) is," establishing the Everett Scholarship Fund in the United Methodist Foundation, The Everett Endowed Chair in Engineering (NCEEE); The Woodrow W. Everett, Jr., SCEEE Development Trust Fund, and The Everett & Sarff Memorial Fund at Trinity UMC (for beautification).

Woody has represented Murphy well through his service to his country, his profession, and his community and we are pleased to induct him into our Hall of Fame.