

## OBITUARIES

# Everstine, retired Md. official, dies

Services for Carl N. Everstine, retired head of the state Department of Legislative Reference who was once described by *The Sun* as "the most widely consulted public servant in Maryland," will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Jenkins funeral establishment, 4905 York Road.

Dr. Everstine, who was 76, died Thursday of cancer at his residence at Roland Park Place.

During his 26 years heading the state agency, he was named "State Official of the Year" in 1964 by the Maryland Municipal League and called "the lawmaker who holds no office" in 1962 by the League of Women Voters.

"He loved the legislature. He was really an encyclopedia of Maryland," said House Speaker Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Baltimore.

F. Carvel Payne, who succeeded Dr. Everstine upon his retirement in 1978, said, "Because of his long years of service, his opinion was solicited by members of the General Assembly. He was given a deference well beyond that usually accorded a civil servant."

Dr. Everstine began with the agency in 1941 and became its director in 1952. The office drafted



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bills for both the legislature and the Baltimore City Council until 1966.

At that time, the department was split into two agencies, one for the state and one for Baltimore. Dr. Everstine became the director of the Annapolis office, supervising more than 100 employees during General Assembly sessions.

When he retired in 1978, Dr. Everstine described himself as having

"a passion for anonymity." But both before and after his retirement, he rarely hesitated to share his knowledge of state law and history through speeches, letters to newspaper editors, and at the orientation classes he held for freshmen legislators.

He was the author of a three-volume history of the Maryland General Assembly from 1634 until 1920.

Born in Cumberland, he was a 1930 graduate of the University of Maryland and a 1947 graduate of its law school. He earned a doctorate in political science in 1938 at the Johns Hopkins University, where he also taught for a short time.

A former trustee of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, he was a member of the Maryland Historical Society, the Ancient and Honorable Fire Company, the Fort Cumberland Lodge of the Masons and the Elderlie-St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Schilling; three sons, Gordon Everstine of Gaithersburg, Douglas Everstine of Severna Park, and Bruce Everstine of Denver; and four grandchildren.

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On November 14, 1985, CARL N. EVERSTINE, beloved husband of Barbara S. Everstine (nee Schilling), devoted father of Douglas G. Everstine, of Severna Park, Gordon C. Everstine, of Gaithersburg and Bruce S. Everstine, of Denver, Col. Also survived by four grandchildren.

Services in the Chapel of Henry W. Jenkins and Sons, 4905 York road on Sunday, November 17th at 2 P.M. Interment in Druid Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call on Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Those desiring, may make memorial contributions to the Eldersley St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 5601 Pimlico road, 21209.

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The Directors and Staffs of the State and Baltimore City Departments of Legislative Reference regrets the passing of their esteemed colleague DR. CARL N. EVERSTINE and extends their deepest sympathy to his family.

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