

EULOGY

Dr Earl Lu (15 September 1925 to 2 September 2005)

Tributes from Dr Mark Lu and Professor Low Cheng Hock

“He was passionate about his work as a doctor, and later as an artist. As children, we seldom saw him, and this included weekends, as he was often working. Yet we never heard him complain or speak harshly toward a nurse or medical officer when called on the phone. In later years, he would say to us that he loved surgery so much that he would have willingly paid money for the opportunity to operate. He also loved teaching and many doctors young and old have mentioned to me how much they enjoyed his tutorials.



We also noticed that he abhorred gossip and rarely had an unkind word for anyone. He was generous with his time and money, always ready to help a friend in need. I recall him often inviting doctors, nurses or medical students to the house to watch him paint. Inevitably, each guest would depart with a painting or two.”



Dr Mark Lu at his father's Memorial

15 September 2005 at the Glass Hall, Singapore Art Museum



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Nude with Yuan Vase (2002) (Courtesy of Art Forum)

“I remember Earl as my first surgical anatomy teacher who taught me the importance of learning anatomy of the foramen of Winslow and how to stop bleeding in gallbladder operation. Over tea, he lectured me on the art of doing a painless haemorrhoidectomy, the secrets of which I have passed on.”

“To the great Earl, “Sir, I am going to miss you tremendously – a mentor and teacher who I can always ask for advice and a great friend who can share a drink and paint for us simple folks.

Somewhere, someday, on that distant shore, in that far away land, we may all meet up again. Till then goodbye and wish you a very pleasant and smooth journey into eternity. Fare thee well – my teacher, my mentor, and most of all my friend.””

*Professor Low Cheng Hock, Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore
in his personal letter to the family of the late Dr Earl Lu*