

## Raymond P. Genereaux



Raymond P. Genereaux became a trustee of St. Andrew's School in 1964 and was an instrumental member of the buildings committee. As a member of this committee he was involved in any new design or construction that took place on campus.

Mr. Genereaux was born in Seattle. He earned his BS from Stanford University and received his MS from Columbia University, both in chemical engineering. He went to work for E. I. du Pont in 1929 at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, DE. He was a specialist in the flow of fluids and designed production facilities for the DuPont Company. Genereaux was widely known for his work on the Manhattan Project in small town Hanford, WA in the 1940s. He was the man responsible for designing buildings and machinery that separated the plutonium from irradiated uranium fuel elements that were taken from the reactors. From an interview many years after, he said: "Well, I can tell you I had nightmares all through design, because of what I thought the consequences of this thing would be." Ray Genereaux retired from the DuPont Company in 1967. In 1990 he was awarded the highest honor by Columbia University Engineering School, the Egleston Medal, for his contributions to the chemical engineering field.

Raymond Genereaux's passion was the preservation of the wilderness and community service, serving on the board of Christiana Hospital and Christ Church as well as SAS. He took up skiing at the age of 59 and was still playing tennis at the age of 92. Mr. Genereaux was a trustee of St. Andrew's for 36 years, until his death in 2000 at the age of 97.

The Raymond P. Genereaux Aquatics Center was dedicated in May 1992.