

Dr. James Hunt

Class of 1952

Dr. James Hunt was born in Muskogee, OK, and moved with his family to Fayetteville when he was in the seventh grade. He graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1952.

He attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City, completing the pre-dental program and entering the School of Dentistry in 1955. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from UMKC and had additional training in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 1959, James returned to Fayetteville to open the first pediatric dental practice in Northwest Arkansas. He maintained a private practice in Fayetteville and Springdale until 1990. Dr. Hunt was a key contributor in the development of the Fayetteville Youth Dental Program, which opened in 1967 at Fayetteville High School. Dr. Hunt volunteered innumerable professional hours to provide screenings and care for thousands of low-income district students.

Hunt continued his passion to serve, through mission trips to Togo, Burkina Faso, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile, and Gambia, where he shared his faith and brought relief from the pain of dental disease to those without access to dental care. Dr. Hunt retired from practice in 2015.

Dr. Hunt married his high school sweetheart, Margaret. They have four children Rob Hunt, Lisa Lovell, Leslie Sample, and Dr. Andy Hunt.