



## Dr. David Samuel Hungerford

May 4, 1938 - March 2, 2019

On Saturday March 2nd, 2019, David Hungerford, loving husband and father of three children went to be with the Lord at the age of 80.

David was born on May 4, 1938 in Rochester, NY to Samuel and Marjorie Hungerford and raised in the town of Sodus. His small-town upbringing shaped his worldview and played a major role in the person that he would become later in life. As a child, his passion for helping people was sparked by the compassion of a small-town doctor that treated him for a burn injury. From a young age, he knew that he wanted to dedicate his life to helping others in the same way.

David was a pioneer in the development of modern total joint replacement, holding several patents and developing successful implant systems. His love of learning drove him to constantly innovate and his love of teaching multiplied his knowledge among those whom he taught all around the world. Over the span of his 40-year career at Johns Hopkins, he wrote 17 books, authored 268 peer reviewed articles, was the founding editor of the Journal of Arthroplasty, and received a lifetime achievement award from the Knee Society.

Above all, David was a dedicated husband and family man. On July 20, 1962, he married the love of his life, Uta-Heide Jung. They raised three sons: Marc, Kyle, and Lars. Despite his demanding career, he made it a priority to make time for his family. As a father, he was an excellent role model on how to treat others, how to love your wife, and how to lead your family.

If asked, David would tell you that his love for the Lord Jesus was the driving force in his life. He impacted others because he led by example. Generosity, kindness, and compassion were the fruits of his love for people and he showed this through his commitment to Christian philanthropy. Using royalties he earned from his commercial successes, he founded the Tree of Life Foundation in order to provide micro-capitalization projects throughout the Third World. He also served as chairman of the board for both CURE International and MAP, charities that provided pediatric orthopedic care and

medical supplies to those in need throughout the world. He was awarded Humanitarian of the Year by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in 2013.

In retirement, he pursued his second calling and dedicated himself to the project of Muslim-Christian reconciliation. Working with scholars from both faiths, he funded and edited the first new translation of the Koran into English with references to the Bible in an effort to find common ground.

Despite all the accolades and accomplishments, David will be remembered most not for what he did but for who he was. Never one to take himself too seriously, he loved to laugh, play pranks and just enjoy life. Wherever he went, he came away with new and lifelong friends. He was known for his warm smile and compassionate spirit. A giant in his field, but still a small-town boy at heart.

He leaves behind his loving wife Heide, his three sons Marc, Kyle and Lars, his brother Dan, sister Nancy, and his six grandchildren, Sydney, Elijah, Meredith, Alex, Lucas, and Harlow. He will be missed by many more.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to: Map International <http://www.map.org> or [BridgesNow.com/give](http://BridgesNow.com/give); Bridges To Common Ground PO Box 3512 Mooresville, NC 28117.

# Cemetery

**Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens**  
200 E. Padonia Road  
Timonium, MD, 21093

# Events

<b>MAR</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	11:00AM
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	Central Presbyterian Church	
	7300 York Road, Towson, MD, US, 21204	

# Comments

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“ Dr. Hungerford had a huge influence early in my career back in 1990. He taught me so much about Total Knee Arthroplasty during the product development of the Duracon, Howmedica Knee system. I will always be grateful for his mentoring and teachings throughout the 1990's while working in the Product Development arena for Howmedica Pfizer. He will be remembered as one of the main pioneers in this industry.

Stu Axelson, VP Product Development  
DJO Global.

**Stuart L Axelson** - March 09, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ Dr. Hungerford was indirectly a mentor to me and generations of Orthopaedic Surgeons - although I did not train at Hopkins I would attend his presentations, have been a disciple of his philosophies, and had the honor of sharing a few patients from our Ohio community who went to him for the first PCA hips before my time. He possessed the rare combination of intellect, humility, and sense of service that has helped literally millions of patients. His contributions will live on for generations to come.

**Thomas S Boniface, MD** - March 08, 2019 at 02:01 PM

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“ As a young association, we have been blessed to work under the mentorship of our founders, and we are better because of their presence. The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons family will miss Dr. Hungerford greatly.  
<http://www.aahks.org/2019/03/08/in-memoriam-david-s-hungerford-md/>

**AAHKS** - March 08, 2019 at 01:21 PM

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“ I was a patient of Dr. Hungerford - one among thousands who were able to function because of his work. I have missed him since his retirement and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family who are missing him now. May he Rest In Peace.  
Muriel Davidson

**Muriel Davidson** - March 07, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ On behalf of the board of CURE International, I want to express our deep appreciation and thanks for David's many years of leadership and service to our organization. He was such an effective advocate for sharing the Good News of the gospel and healing the sick through CURE. His love and compassion for spiritual and physical healing children and families served by CURE International throughout the developing world was an inspiration to us all. We are so grateful to have enjoyed his friendship and support! We love you Heide...Roger  
Roger Spoelman  
President and CEO  
CURE International

**Roger Spoelman** - March 07, 2019 at 01:42 AM

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“ While I didn't know Dr. Hungerford, my parents, Blair and Catherine Smith, spoke of him with the highest possible regard. I am extremely sorry for your loss, but I rejoice with you that he is now worshiping before the King of Kings and that you will see him again someday.

Blessings,  
Barbara (Smith) Hart

**Barbara S Hart** - March 07, 2019 at 12:07 AM

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“ Dr Hungerford, I worked for him as a PA 1986-1989 Fresh out of PA school, he took the time to mentor me , He taught me not only Orthopedic's but what it takes to be a great person , he is truly missed

**Mark Hesseltine PA-C** - March 06, 2019 at 05:29 PM

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“ A great teacher a great man a great role model but most of all a fantastic person who will be greatly missed.

**Robert Lindner** - March 05, 2019 at 06:36 PM

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“ Chandrasekharan Nair lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Samuel Hungerford



**chandrasekharan Nair** - March 05, 2019 at 04:59 PM