

## Walter Akers Hunt



Dr. Walter Akers Hunt, 78, of Salem, Va., passed away Sunday, May 25, 2008. He was born December 15, 1929, in Franklin County, Va., son of the late William Benjamin and Donie Jane Brown Hunt. He was also preceded in death by siblings, Irene Hunt Tudor, Wilson Hunt, Margaret Hunt Love, Maurice Hunt and James Hunt. Dr. Hunt retired in 1989 as the Superintendent of Salem Schools, was a member of First United Methodist Church in Salem and served as treasurer of the United Methodist Men.

**He was a member and past President of Salem Lions Club where he served as Secretary and Treasurer for many years.** Walter graduated from the College of William and Mary where he earned his BS in 1950 and his masters degree, in Educational Administration, in 1957. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1973 with his Doctorate in Educational Administration. In 1951, he joined the Virginia National Guard and began a term of service that would last 14 years and see him rise to the rank of captain. He was president of the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. He was a member of the Virginia Western Community College Board, was a member of the Salem Bank and Trust Board from 1981 until 2004 and served as Director of FNB Corporation from 2002 to 2003.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Avis Cline Hunt; son, William Michael Hunt; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Curtis Burchett; grandchildren, Cody, Kelsey and Ryan Burchett; sisters, Ruby Bell Hunt, Ethel Hunt Love, Paige Hunt Robertson, Lucille Hunt Willis and husband, Wilfred, and Dorothy Hunt Webb and husband, Donnie; sisters-in-law, Ruby Brooks Hunt and Cova Nichols Hunt; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at First United Methodist Church, with Dr. Michael Houff officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at John M. Oakey and Son, Salem. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Hunt's name to First United Methodist Church Building fund, or Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. Online condolences may be made at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

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