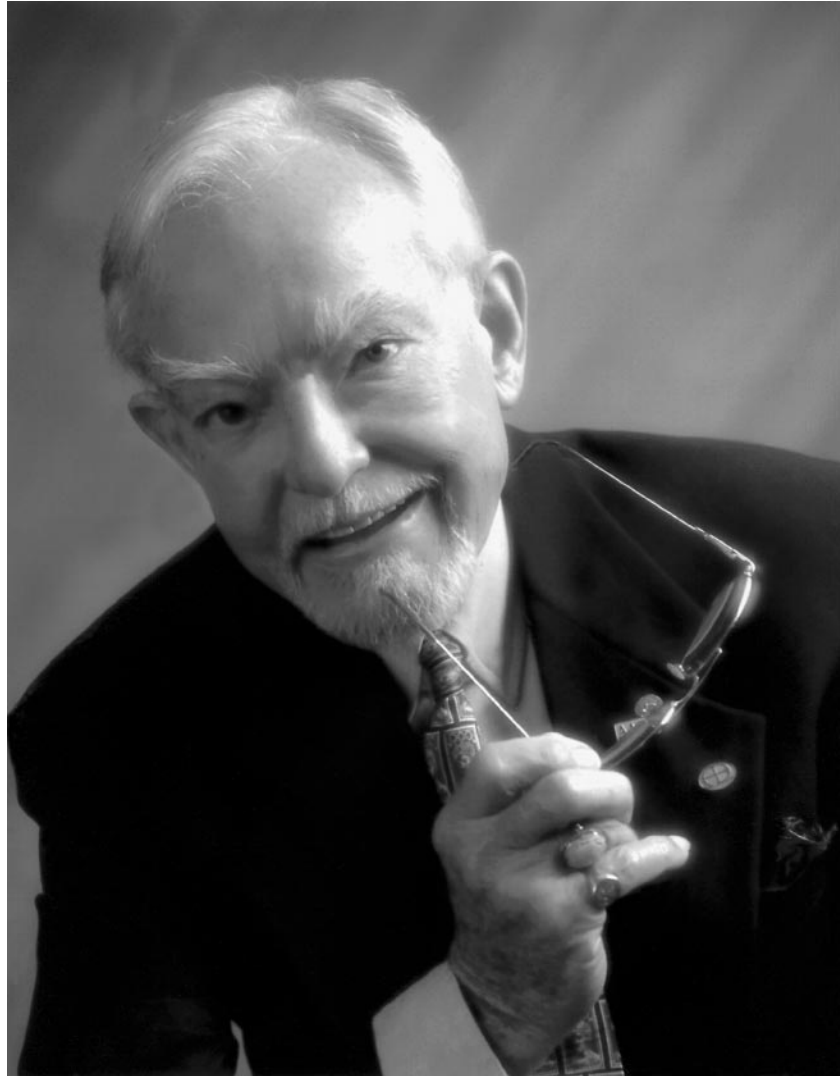


In Memoriam

**David C. Hamilton
1928–2005**

Ken Rankin



Dr. David C. Hamilton passed away January 26, 2005, after an extended illness with a rare blood disorder. Dave was a tireless and creative worker his whole life, with unfinished projects still underway at the time of his death. Dave was past president of the AAO, Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists and a Great Lakes Trustee to the AAO for many years. In the 1960s Dave was the primary facilitator for the

start of the AAO disability and life insurance plans and largely responsible for the design of the policies along with the underwriters, Treavor-Heisel Company.

Dave was a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, and I personally observed his treatment results for 40 years. He was an outstanding clinical orthodontist and a strong advocate of early treatment for specific dento-facial problems. This is a controversial area in orthodontics, but

this did not deter him from his extremely outspoken views on this subject. Dave was not shy about expressing his opinions, but no one ever challenged his motives or doubted his sincerity. Dave did not disdain anyone just because they disagreed with him, and this admirable trait gained him almost universal respect.

David's two sons, David Jr. and Todd, followed in their father's footsteps and are excellent orthodontists, each in their own practice in North Carolina. Daughter Julie is head of a research division of Kodak in Rochester. Effie, his beautiful wife of over 50 years, is the epitome of a true

lady, supportive mate, devoted mother, gracious hostess, and loving grandmother.

Dave was continually involved with church and community affairs both locally and regionally during his entire career. He was a true gentleman and he will be sorely missed, not only by his family and friends, but by his community and his beloved specialty of orthodontics. One of the measures of a man's life is whether he left us a better world than the one he inherited. By this standard Dave Hamilton was an extraordinary human being whose generous deeds enriched the lives of all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.