

# NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

## James F. Hurlbut

1921-2017

Inducted in 2016

Minerals

Following his military service in WWII, James "Jim" Hurlbut graduated from the University of Wisconsin, then the University of Denver. After his move to Colorado in 1947, he joined the Colorado Mineral Society, and has been a force in the hobby ever since.

In 1956, when Jim was president of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS), he was introduced to micromounting, and continued with micromounts until his passing at age 96.



Always a leader and teacher, Jim taught "Rocks and Minerals of Colorado" as a Continuing Education course for twenty years at the University of Colorado. He was President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and received the AFMS Recognition Award in 2004. Throughout the period, he lectured to mineral societies, amateur and professional, published articles in domestic and international mineralogical journals, and acted as a judge in mineral and micromount competitions.

Long a friend of Micromount Hall of Fame member Paul Seel, Jim volunteered to look after Paul's micromount collection when it went to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in 1984, and continued to be acting curator of all of the Museum's micromount collections since that time.

Not just a speaker, teacher, and author on micromounts, Jim has taken first place trophies in micromount competitions in both the AFMS and RMFMS shows with his own mounts. In performing at such a high leadership level for so many years, and in working to teach and support others, Jim Hurlbut has demonstrated the dedication to the micromounting community that makes him a worthy member of the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.