

Dr. Marvin Hinds

Dr. Marvin Hinds was born in Brookville, Indiana in 1928, as a twin. In his formative years, Hinds' youth pastor encouraged him to attend Marion College, now Indiana Wesleyan University. There, Hinds received his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1951. He met his wife while attending college there. After graduation, he joined the Air Force where he was stationed in Biloxi, MS. at Keesler Air Force Base. He graduated from the Radio Operator course and then taught electronics in the program.

After the Air Force, Hinds channeled his interest in electronics and attended Valparaiso Technical Institute, where he received another BS in Electronics Engineering. He then began working in Houston, TX, at MD Anderson Hospital televising cancer surgery. Hinds then began working with Baylor College of Medicine students doing biomedical research. Their pursuits to obtain their PhDs inspired him to go back to school and obtain his own PhD, so he went to Texas A&M and studied veterinary physiology. He graduated with his doctorate in that field in 1971. Shortly after, he was contacted by Marion College to help launch their nursing program. Without knowing what he would even get paid for doing so, he accepted. He moved back to Marion in 1973, taught anatomy & physiology for the nursing program, and their first graduating class in the nursing school took place in 1975. Hinds would teach at Marion College for the next 23 years of his life in the Department of Biology, also serving as Pre-Med advisor.

But just one year after moving to Marion, the entire research team Hinds worked with in Houston moved to Purdue University. They invited Hinds to join them doing various bio-medical research, including defibrillation. He would spend the next 15 summers working with them. It was during that research study program, that his group found ways to improve the defibrillator in order to lessen the traumatic effects on the heart. They also performed other medical research during those summers.

“My first love was research. When I got the opportunity to serve with Purdue, I knew it was God rewarding me for being obedient.” – Dr. Marvin Hinds

“His work has impacted many lives...from the many students he taught who went on to be nurses or doctors who have changed lives...that's a pretty far reach that is hard to realize. Many say that he was tough on them, but later they thank him. And through his research and development work, my father has improved the quality of life for many individuals.” – Kay Alter

Dr. Hinds is the recipient of Indiana Wesleyan University's Outstanding Achievement Award (1988) and Distinguished Senior Alumnus (1990).

Hinds also has a love for woodworking. He makes wooden ink pens and sells them or gives them away as gifts. He has also made cabinets, cradles, and many other things, including 40 feet of altars at College Wesleyan Church.

Hinds has volunteered in the Marion community by serving on committees, and leading his church's senior adult group. He volunteered in that capacity for nearly 10 years.

"Marion is a nice friendly city. I enjoy the community and activities here." – Dr. Marvin Hinds