



Huguely Family Reunion

Madison County, Kentucky

62nd Year
(1954-2015)

Resolution in Loving Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Chenault Huguely

Good afternoon! I'm Kenneth Cobb, the current President of the Huguely Family Reunion.

*Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting,
From the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days or years.*

*Think how she must be wishing,
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living,
In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so much.*

“Her Journey’s Just Begun”, Unknown author

We, the members of the Huguely Family Reunion, want the family to know that our hearts and prayers are with you as we bid a fond farewell to the beloved, faithful, and God-fearing Mrs. Elizabeth Chenault Huguely, the mother of Johnetta Parrish, Melvin Huguely, Alfred Huguely, Fay Starks, and Michael Huguely. She was also the proud grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 16, and great-great-grandmother of eight.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Huguely, until her recent passing, was the oldest living member of the Huguely Family Reunion, which was founded in Madison County, Kentucky, in 1955, and is one of the oldest organized Black family reunions in the United States. Our thriving and cherished reunion has over 1,400 family members and meets annually in late summer. This past August, we celebrated our 61st annual family reunion in Lexington, Kentucky. In 2010, at the 56th Huguely Reunion banquet held at the historic Boone Tavern in Berea, Kentucky, Elizabeth Huguely and the late Madge Reed Huguely were honored as our two oldest family members and officially recognized by then-Mayor Steven Connelly, who appeared in person. There was also a very nice write-up in the local newspaper, The Berea Citizen, as well. When later questioned, she credited her longevity and good fortune to “the loving care of family...”

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Huguely, with that very infectious smile, was the quiet matriarch, the quiet force behind her family. As it were, ‘Rev.’ Melvyn, ‘Big Al’, and Fay are all quiet people, unlike Madge’s gang – Shorty, Margaret, Liz, Gary, and the late Charles – who all speak and laugh loudly!!! Elizabeth left a godly legacy, and clearly demonstrated love of the Lord and family. Her smile and sweet spirit were why family members “rose up and called her blessed.” Resolute in her faith, her favorite statement was, “I just keep on keeping on!” The love and respect that her children and grandchildren, in turn, had for her were clearly on display in



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September 2012 when they traveled from near and far – Colorado, Maryland, Michigan, Georgia, and Ohio – to celebrate her 97th birthday here in Dayton, Ohio. It was a grand affair, indeed!!! I guess a family that prays together stays together!

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hugueley, matriarch of the John Henry Hugueley branch (her late husband), supported and helped to maintain the legacy of the Hugueley Reunion through her and her children’s consistent presence and participation in the annual gatherings. In bit of irony, our families, the Cobbs and Hugueleys, are inextricably connected: (a) John Hugueley served as Sargeant-at-Arms under Hugueley President, James Cornelison, whom I call my ‘other’ father, (b) Melvyn Hugueley served as Vice-President under Hugueley President, Lillard ‘Lee’ Cobb, my uncle, (c) Linda Cobb McClain, my sister, served as Vice-President under Hugueley President Melvyn Hugueley, (d) Cora Hugueley, Elizabeth Hugueley’s daughter-in-law (married to Alfred Hugueley), is Co-Chair of the Hugueley Scholarship Committee and resides in East Lansing, Michigan, not many miles outside Detroit, home of the Detroit Cobbs – my five sisters and late parents, Dumas & Emma Cobb, and finally, (e) I, as current Hugueley President, have the distinct honor of delivering this resolution for Elizabeth Hugueley to her family!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our love and appreciation for Elizabeth Hugueley, as well as her strong commitment to family, faith, and God, will continue to be an encouragement to the entire Hugueley Family for generations to come, and will live on through her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

To the family, who also recently lost a daughter and niece, Mrs. Cindy Wright, we know that your loss is deep, your sorrow is great, and your pain is unbearable at times. But we want you to know that we share in your sorrow and we recognize that this loss is Heaven’s gain. Besides, with the recent passings of Enoch Gillispie at 96, Madge Hugueley at 98, and Elizabeth Hugueley at 100, perhaps God is letting us know that we Hugueleys already have in our midst the secret, or Holy Grail, if you will, to longevity in life: Faith, Family, Firm Foundation, and Fun!

The Hugueley Family would encourage you to be strong, cherish the memories, keep the faith, and remember:

*Though her smile is gone forever,
And her hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories,
Of the one I loved so much.

Her memory is my keepsake
Which with I’ll never part,
God has her in His keeping,
I have her in my heart.*

“Her Smile”, Unknown author

Humbly submitted on this 28th day of November 2015,

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