



Huguely Family Reunion

Madison County, Kentucky

62nd Year
(1954-2015)

Resolution in Loving Memory of Mrs. Madge Reed Huguely

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

*Black, beautiful, intuitive, and strong;
The matriarch, the stabilizer, the earth's backbone;
From the beginning she excels, determined to survive
In her womb, the seed of trillions through the ages, she will provide
Unfazed by obstacles, perpetual is her drive
Kings, Queens, all royalty alike are inherently in her bloodline
Against all odds she presses on, not a moment does her love wane
She looks down through the annals of time, and realizes she must maintain
Her aura of invincibility, her spirit of strong will
Her disposition of "I will succeed regardless of the mountainous hills"
She is black, bold, and beautiful, her strength personified from birth
She is the matriarch, she is our mother, the backbone of the earth.*

"Mother", Mitchell M. Gissendanner, 2006

We, the members of the Huguely Family Reunion, want the family to know that our hearts and prayers are with you as we gather to bid a fond farewell to the dearly beloved and God-fearing Mrs. Madge Reed Huguely, the mother of Margaret Moran, Elizabeth Williams, Lucian Huguely, Jr., John Huguely, Gary Huguely, and Julia Huguely. She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Huguely, and her daughter, Sammie Kennedy. She was also the proud grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 21, and great-great-grandmother of one.

WHEREAS, Madge Huguely was a founding member of the Huguely Reunion, present at that initial meeting back in 1954 at the farm of Cousin Ossie Embry here in Madison County, Kentucky, where Huguely family members convened to organize the First Huguely Family Reunion. The outcome of that meeting was an annual one-day picnic to be held on the Sunday before Labor Day. With that designated date changed since then, this past August, we held our 61st Huguely Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Madge Huguely, realizing the importance of family, ancestry, and legacy, was a life-long supporter and champion of the Huguely Reunion, and who, until recent years, had attended all but two of the reunions. Now, that's dedication and loyalty! She was also the First Lady of the Huguely Reunion for 12 years, wife to Lucian Huguely, Sr., the first President, as well as mother and grandmother to three future Huguely Reunion Presidents and Consigliere!

WHEREAS, Madge Huguely, matriarch of the Lucian Huguely, Sr., branch, was a great role model for all Huguely women, as clearly shown by the number of college graduates and high achievers among her granddaughters and great-granddaughters. She was gentle yet strong, soft-spoken yet firm, nurturing yet not above scolding, modest yet imposing, well-liked yet respected, proud yet humble, confident yet grounded, lacked formal education beyond 7th grade yet wise and astute (she later earned her G.E.D.), and enjoyed a good time yet was all about business. In fact, although the matriarch, it was not beneath her to make personal telephone calls to family members to 'appeal' for annual membership dues as the deadline approached. Uh-



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oh!!! And she was quite the master at a game of Checkers, as her granddaughter Erin will attest!

WHEREAS, Madge Huguely was a wonderful, loving, and greatly admired grandmother who was always spoken of by her grandchildren with pride, honor, reverence, and high regard befitting a queen (which she was)! At many Huguely Reunions, I had the distinct pleasure of joining the “First Cousins’ Caucus” in a hotel lobby, hospitality suite, or someone’s room, where there was boisterous laughing, joking, snacking on desserts, consumption of alcoholic beverages, arguing, embellishing, and exaggerating late into the night – I’m just talking about Fred (Williams)!!! Invariably, ‘Granny’s’ name would frequently pop up, followed by wonderful stories, anecdotes, lessons learned, and experiences with her over the many years. I was truly blessed to have had opportunities to visit her at her home and at the rehab center to spend time, have her drop some knowledge on me (that is, oral history), put a smile on her face, and even make her laugh. Ironically, when she recently spoke of losing her ‘older’ sister at 104 years old, I responded, “Madge, you’re ‘only’ 98 and still have a ways to go! You’re not going anywhere any time soon... Plus, God ain’t ready for you yet!” She grinned. Notwithstanding, I knew better than to lose my gas money to her playing a friendly game of Checkers!!! No way!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our love and appreciation for Madge Reed Huguely will continue to be an encouragement to the entire Huguely Family for generations to come, as well as a tribute to her legacy and to her devotion to the Huguely Family Reunion.

To the family, we know that your loss is deep, your sorrow is great, and your pain is unbearable at times. There’s nothing like losing Mom – I know firsthand! But we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, and, more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven’s gain, and that God has simply called his daughter home... Besides, Lucian, Sr., who’s been smiling cheek to cheek since last Saturday, can finally reunite with Madge after 25 years, the love of his life!!!

When homegoing services are over and you find yourselves alone, the Huguely Family would encourage you to be strong, cherish the memories, keep the faith, and remember:

*God is truly amazing, amazing is He
He is a friend in need, He is a problem solver
He is the strength, that never let's you fall
He is your peace, faith is the key!
He is the Light, that brightens up the day
He is the Shepherd, whose flock don't ever stray
Faith is the key, if you only believe
My God, amazing is He
Giving you peace if you only believe
Faith is the key, in time of need
My God, amazing is He.*

“God Is Amazing”, June Deniece William, 1977

Humbly submitted on this 6th day of November 2015,

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