



# *Huguely Family Reunion*

*Madison County, Kentucky*

*64th Year  
(1954-2018)*

## **Resolution in Loving Memory of Mr. James Cornelison**

Good morning! I'm Kenneth Cobb, the current and 18th President of the Huguely Family Reunion. My late father, Mr. Dumas Cobb, and 'Uncle Jim,' as I called him, were second cousins by blood, both 4th generation Huguelys. Our family reunion began in Madison County, Kentucky, and this August, we are celebrating our 64th anniversary in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that was once shared  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we use to do.  
Miss me, but let me go.*

“Let Me Go” by Christina Rossetti

We, the members of the Huguely Family Reunion, want the Cornelison family to know that our hearts and prayers are with you as we bid a fond farewell to the kind, faithful, and God-fearing Mr. James Cornelison, the husband of Alice Sloan Cornelison; the father of Terri Cornelison, Michael Cornelison, and Erin Cornelison; the father-in-law of Jetty Viot, III, and Carol Cornelison; and the grandfather of Jason Cornelison and Carrington Cornelison Viot.

**WHEREAS**, James Cornelison was a faithful and loyal member of the Huguely reunion, served as its 3rd President from 1967-1971, served as Vice-President from 1966-1967 under the 2nd President, Almira Dunn, attended many reunions over the years, and, in fact, hosted the 43rd Huguely reunion in Columbia, Maryland, in 1997. When he saw you at the reunion or when you first visited their home, you could count on a very tight bear hug from him – no handshakes here! I recall a friend once telling me, “Your family sure hugs a lot...” Yes, we do! He was loved and admired by many in the Huguely family, past and present. He set the bar very high by example when it came to business, planning, and organizing for the annual reunion, so much so that last year, 20 years later, we hosted the 63rd Huguely reunion in Washington, D.C.

**WHEREAS**, James Cornelison was a fully supportive husband to his wife, Alice Cornelison, loving father and ‘publicist’ to his children, doting ‘Pop-Pop’ to his grandchildren,



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and great host/chef for cookouts in their backyard. Like most proud fathers, he wore his kids' educational and professional achievements on his chest. As one of seven children, myself, we'd walk into our parents' church or social functions and hear, "Congratulations, Kenneth! I hear you were accepted into the University of Michigan..." and wonder, how did that person know that? In fact, they'd know more about our lives than we did. But hey, that's all right! That's what loving parents do, like making sure that they attend their grandson's high school track meet out-of-state, or their granddaughter's church choir recital, in order to show love and support.

**WHEREAS**, James Cornelison was a person who loved life, and whose advancing age did nothing to diminish his zest for living it to the fullest and having a good time, whenever possible. Since I returned to the Baltimore area five years ago, I've had the distinct pleasure of sharing great times with Uncle Jim, including: "Motown: The Musical"; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre; Dance Theater of Harlem; American Ballet Theatre; UniverSoul Circus; Count Basie Orchestra & Duke Ellington Orchestra; Jazz shows at Blues Alley, Twins Jazz, and Caton Castle; August Wilson plays and other great plays; Morgan State University & CCCB choir concerts; Easters; Father's Days; Thanksgivings; birthdays; listening to Jazz on his rear deck; watching football; and enjoying Sunday dinner. These all put a big smile on Uncle Jim's face.

**WHEREAS**, James Cornelison loved God, was His faithful servant, performed nobly as a Deacon, taught Sunday school, and led many a prayer during our Huguely reunions. In fact, last year, upon my request for Uncle Jim to open the 10:00 A.M. Sunday business meeting with a prayer, he walked up next to me at the podium, asked us to bow our heads, and he went on for a little while, perhaps thinking that he was teaching Sunday School and that we were his students. With Terri getting out of her seat to stand next to him, inching closer and closer, he finally ended the opening prayer. As my astute cousin, Toni Miles, recently shared with me, "One thing I have learned from Grandmother and Mother,... the longer you live, the longer the prayers!" Amen!!!

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that our love, respect, and appreciation for James Cornelison, as well as his strong commitment to excellence, family, and service, will continue to be an encouragement to the Huguely Family Reunion for generations to come, as well as be a tribute to his legacy and tradition, and will live on through his children and grand-children.

To Aunt Alice, Terri, Michael, and Erin: 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, more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's gain. God has simply called His son home. Who knows... Uncle Jim may try to start a "Heavenly Regional Community Chorus."

The Huguely Family encourages you to be strong, cherish the memories, and keep the faith.

Humbly submitted on this 30th day of June 2018,

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