## JERNIGAN FAMILY REUNION NEWSLETTER 2019

# Descendants of Amos, Aran, Calvin, Daniel, David, and Irven LOVE, FAITH, and UNITY

Greetings, Jernigan Descendants,

We made the Reunion Magazine September 2019 online edition. Click the link to see the story online with additional pictures. https://reunionsmag.com/reunions/family-reunions/jernigan-family-reunion/

**JERNIGAN FAMILY REUNION 2019** was held August 2nd through 4th at the Holiday Inn - Webster, Texas. The reunion was hosted and planned by the Houston Family Reunion Committee, Lloyd Jernigan 2019 President, Beverly Paige, 2017 President, and Thelma Jernigan Johnson, Reunion Coordinator. The theme this year was Love, Faith, and Unity western style.

Friday, August 2, 2019 - SHOWDOWN AT THE JERNIGAN CORRAL. The Jernigan descendants "SADDLED UP" in their western wear and arrived at the Holiday Inn Houston-Webster for the Meet and Greet from Alaska, California, Wisconsin, Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas. Family members had the opportunity to mix and mingle, show off their moves in a line dance, and win door prizes. Later everyone CHOWED DOWN on a delicious three-meat "Trail Boss BBQ" plate catered by Pappas Bar-B-Q before posing for pictures taken by our personal photographer M "JL" Miles.

The **JERNIGANS GOT TALENT SHOW** winners were: Bregeet Kennedy, Wynaya Kennedy, Penjalee Kennedy, Angela Kennedy, Elijah Harkins, and Kenya and Brooky Dargan. They performed their

own rendition of Lil Nas X "Old Town Road" featuring Billy Ray Cyrus with choreographer and props.

Thanks to Yolanda Sloan Toliver, Reunion Recreation Coordinator, the hoedown continued with line dancing lead by Houston's won Elusive Ladies Line Dancing instructors Martha Allison and Jackie Lilly.

Thelma Jernigan Johnson and Kenneth Drayden "ROCKED THE HAPPY TRAIL" to win first place for the Best Dressed Cowgirl and Cowboy. Each received an autographed copy of the newly released book, Plantations, Protests, Pulpits-Lessons from the Phases of my Life, written by our very own family member, Reverend Harry Blake.



Saturday, August 3, 2019 (A.M.) THE JERNIGANS WESTERN ROUND-UP. The Jernigans rounded-up dressed in their 2019 black and white reunion t-shirt for a private Sunrise Buffet Breakfast before attending a Genealogy Workshop presented by Franklin Smith from the Clayton Library Center of Genealogy Research in Houston, Texas. Mr. Smith is also the co-author of A

Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors-How to

2019 Family Reunion "Love, Faith, and Unity"

Houston-Webster, TX August 2-4, 2019

KEN

DRAYDEN

Dressed

Cowboy

find and record your unique heritage. His classmate, Jerry Paige, the spouse of Reunion-Co-Coordinator, Beverly S. Paige invited him. To be eligible for door prizes, each family member had to generate their own personal cowboy and cowgirl name (first, middle, last) for drawings. The Round-up concluded with a family photo taken by our photographer. At midday, family members had time on their own to relax, shop, sightsee, or visit area attractions and/or beaches.

Saturday, August 3, 2019 (P.M.) THE SUNDOWN WESTERN EXTRAVANGAZA BANQUET. The Jernigans dressed up in their black and white "Sunday Best" for the reunion banquet held at the Aquarium Kemah Boardwalk in Kemah, Texas. The GRUB (menu) for the event was: Sicilian Stuffed Chicken Breast stuffed with Mozzarella cheese, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Sautéed Vegetables, Cheesecake, Iced Tea and coffee. The speaker for the evening was our very own awesome, articulate, and charismatic



Claudia Jones Sylvester who was introduced by her daughter Keisha Akindele, Bishop Lloyd Jernigan served as Master of Ceremony. Our very own writers of children's books, Cheryl Jernigan and DeAnn Dunkins Lax, donated copies of their books as door prizes.

**Sunday, August 4, 2019 - FAMILY WORSHIP.** The 2019 Jernigan Family Reunion culminated with church service at Forest Lawn Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, where Reverend R. C. Bell is pastor. The family was welcomed and recognized in the church bulletin. "THE LAWN" is the church home of family member Rube Hardeman who spoke on our behalf and presented our offering to the church.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

## **First Time Attendee**

Zoe Brown

Mary Jernigan

Rita Drayden

Brittany Drayden

### First Time Attendee/Most Spirited

Wynaya Kennedy
Penjalee Kennedy
Angela Kennedy
Elijah Harkins
Kenya and Brooky Dargan

# **Most Spirited**

**Bregeet Kennedy** 

## First to Register and First Time Grandparent

Monica Blake Mickle

#### **Oldest Female in Attendance**

Laverne Jones

#### **Youngest in Attendance**

Adrian Jeremiah

#### **Largest Attendance of a Single Family**

Willie Dunkins Family

#### **Traveled the Farthest**

Mary Jernigan

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Milton "JL" Miles

Tech Command Photography

Yvonne Small, Sales Director Holiday Inn Houston-Webster, TX

The Aquarium, Kemah, TX

Pappas Bar-B-Que

Kemah Visitors Center

Franklin Smith, Genealogist

Forest Lawn Missionary Baptist Church

Thelma Jernigan

Jerry Paige

Carolyn London

Taylar Martin

Kristen Smith

Tia Murray



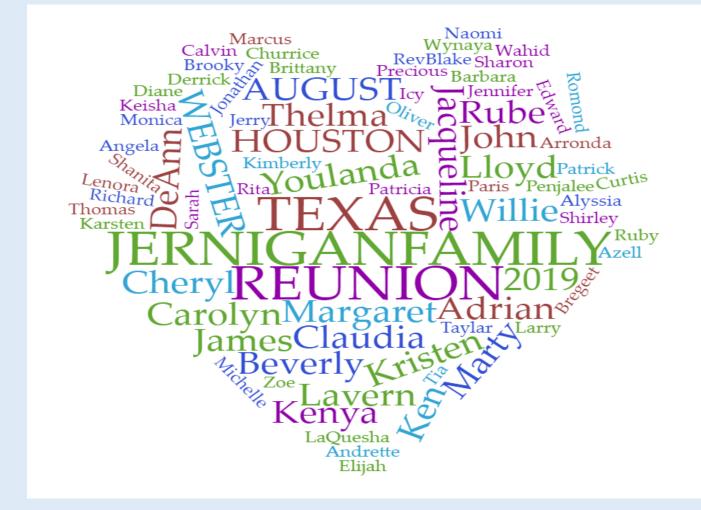


Verlee"Micki" Jones

Norma Blake

The 2019 Jernigan Family
Reunion was dedicated in loving
memory to Verlee "Micki"
Jernigan Jones and Norma
Jernigan Blake.

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!!! See you in Dallas, TX in 2021.



Purchase your Jernigan Family Reunion 2019 Commemorative DVD or photos.

Contact "JL" at 318--424-7800 or email

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# **PRICE LIST**

Jernigan Reunion 2019 DVD - \$30

8 x 10 photo - \$20 each (Group pics or individual pics)

5 x 7 photo - \$15 each (Group pics, or individual pics)

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