



## Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Cornell

January 9, 1942 - May 26, 2017

Rev. Dr. Thomas McBride Cornell, 75 of Weedsport passed away Friday following a long illness. Born in Olean, NY he graduated from Hinsdale Central School in 1959, served in Vietnam in the US Air Force for four years. He later graduated from Alfred State Univ. (AA) in 1967, St. Bonaventure (BA) in 1970, RIT (MS) in 1977, Colgate Rochester Divinity (Masters in Divinity) in 1990 and Doctor of Ministry from Colgate Rochester Divinity in 1996.

Tom was an Eagle Scout and earned a Bronze Palm and Wood Badge. In 1990 he was ordained and later retired from Xerox Corp. after 25 years. He served as Pastor of the Weedport First Baptist Church for 23 years until his retirement in 2013.

Tom is survived by his wife of 50 years Susan (Owens) Cornell; two daughters Amy (Bill) Musengo and Cary (Kenneth) Cornell Merritt; two sisters Donna (Guy) Williamson and Helene (Bob) Catalano; four grandchildren Allison and Logan Thompson and William and Julia Musengo; numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am to 12 noon at First Baptist Church in Weedsport followed by a service at 12 noon.

Contributions in lieu of flowers, may be made to Brutus-Sennett Food Pantry, PO Box 634, Weedsport, NY 13166 or Boy Scout Troop #59, 8871 S. Seneca St, Weedsport, NY 13166. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ To Family Members of Tom Cornell.....My name is Carl Saglimben and I reside in Allegany NY . I just learned of your loss of Tom.....I am truly sorry ....Allow me to take you way back.....I first met Tom in the year 1957 , which was the year I began a major part of my life.....I was hired to teach and coach at Hinsdale Central School.....which I did for my first 14 years after which I became the Superintendent of School for the next 20 years.... Several weeks prior to School commencing that year( 1957) I worked at a summer job which included being the Caddy Master at the Bartlett Country Club in Olean.. ...One day while I was sitting behind the counter....Your Tom , walked in , introduced himself....calling me "Coach.....welcome to Hinsdale.....I'm Tom Cornell, live in Hinsdale , and I hope to play Basketball for you"....which by the way , he did.....

Tom was the first student and person I had the pleasure of meeting before I began my first day at Hinsdale...The next day he brought Charlie Brown with him.....and I'm pleased to say it was an honor and privilege to know and teach young men the likes of Tom and Charlie...Once again , please accept my condolences.....I will never forget , the first person I met when my thoughts center around ....Hinsdale....God Bless the Cornell Family.....Coach Sag



Carl Saglimben - July 22, 2017 at 02:02 PM

BO

“ Dear Sue and family, I remember my cousin Tom when we were children as always kind and patient. May you find comfort in your memories and family and friends. Bonnie Owen

Bonnie L Owen - June 06, 2017 at 02:42 PM

JW

“ Dear Aunt Sue and family,

Our love and prayers are with you always. May the deep love that my Uncle Tom has always had for you In his heart , sustain you in the days to come ,along with love and strength of God .

Love ,

Julie and Art .

Julie Wentz - May 30, 2017 at 07:32 PM

HC

*Dear Sue and family, Tom was a wonderful man and I'm so proud to say he was my brother. He loved you and was so devoted to all of you. I will miss him very much as I know you will. He was a compassionate man and a caring big brother. 🥺*

Helene Catalano - June 02, 2017 at 07:34 PM

DW

*“ I remember the day that our parents brought Tom home from the hospital as a newborn. It seems impossible that it was 75 years ago but I have many years of fond memories. I have watched him grow up and I'm very proud of all that he accomplished in his lifetime. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren so much. Also he was very happy being a mister in his town of Weedsport.*

donna williamson - May 30, 2017 at 06:48 PM

AW

*“ My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Sue and the rest of the family. I have many fond memories since I was young of family events involving Uncle Tom. He had a presence like no other! He'll be greatly missed.*

Art Wentz - May 30, 2017 at 06:31 PM

JS

*“ Reverend Tom was a wonderful teacher and friend. My family and I remember many good times with him when we attended the Weedsport Baptist church under his leadership there. He had a wonderful sense of humor and tremendous wit. Tom more than once gave me insightful advice that I didn't fully appreciate until years later, and those words of wisdom made a difference in my life. He loved learning and education and I know of several people he encouraged and mentored in the lay ministry. One of those people told me that Pastor Tom "was an inspirational instructor that I enjoyed learning from."*

*I very much regret not visiting Tom these past years after he retired from the church ministry. I always enjoyed our conversations and even our differences of opinion because Tom was always open to reconsidering his position and learning from everyone. And I loved his incredible intellect. That was a rare and fabulous quality of his.*

*Tom is missed and mourned by Rick and I, and we will never forget him. We send our Love to his wonderful wife Sue and their children and grandchildren. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*With love,*

*Judy and Rick Schmidt*

Judy Schmidt - May 30, 2017 at 06:05 PM

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“ Your friend Shirley Merton,  
4455 Woodcrest Commons  
West Henrietta Road  
Henrietta, NY 14467

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**Shirley** - May 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM

CH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Tom that I don't know where to begin. We grew up together, became Eagle Scouts together, went to Scout camp together, played sports and were in the HCS band together...on, and on. Tom was a man dedicated to his family and to God, what more could you ask of any man?! You'll never be forgotten my friend. RIP

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**Cort & Jan Hillman** - May 28, 2017 at 11:53 AM

PH

“ Dear Sue & family,  
I felt such a connection with God when I was with Pastor Tom. When we spoke whether it be about church business or about the scriptures I felt that him and I were in agreement.  
I feel for your loss but also am glad that he is back home with his father in heaven and is well again. I am sure that you all will feel his loss for he was an extremely intelligent man in both the word and in life. I always respected his opinion and many times went to him for advice.  
May God be in your hearts as you go through this very difficult time and my prayers are with you.

Love  
Penny Hawker

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**Penny Hawker** - May 28, 2017 at 09:09 AM

SC

“ Sue and family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God be close to you during this time of sorrow and may your wonderful memories help you day by day. Please let us know if we can do anything to help! Love you all, Barry and Sharon Cook and family

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**Sharon Cook** - May 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM