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<u>IN</u> <u>APPRECIATION</u> JAMES HILARY COMAN 1895 - 1966

Only a short while ago our Official Board and thousands of other members and friends of Duke Memorial Methodist Church were made glad at the selection of JAMES HILARY COMAN as "Father of the Year". Our hearts thrilled at the tribute which was paid him by the newspaper which wrote the story of his selection, remarkable facts concerning him and the deeds he had done in our community. Now our hearts are saddened that this life has come to a sudden and untimely end, and with this untimely end, a lot of greatness and goodness has vanished from the earth. The accounts of his character and achievements are almost too good to be true; however, those of us who knew him best know that no one can fully report on or give proper credit for the things he has done in his life.

Mr. Coman's manifold interests and his involvement in many worthwhile projects are too numerous to list; however, one of his most outstanding achievements was his work with the Boy Scouts, and the forty-five years that he devoted to scouting in this area have done much to make scouting what it is today in Durham. His achievements in business and education and his service to the civic life of Durham will long be remembered. He raised three fine sons, who, from his influence, have followed his advice and have now taken their own positions in the community life of Durham.

His work in our ^Church will long be remembered. He was a loyal and devoted member for more than fifty years. For forty years he was a member of the Official Board, a member of the Trustee Committee, Chairman of the Church Property Committee, and he served as President of his Bible Class on two or three occasions. 11996 - 11968 - 201411 1996 - 1966

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His story here on earth is finished, but his influence will live on for others to enjoy for many, many years to come. Only High Heaven knows how good and great he was, and we shall all miss him sorely.

Let it be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Stewards, Duke Memorial Church, on this night, October 5, 1966, that JAMES HILARY COMAN will go down in history as one of the great builders of this Church.

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