



## Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning

November 15, 1942 - May 17, 2020

Betty Jean Brown Moorning, an ordained Deaconess was born in Bethel, North Carolina to the parents of Catherine Pitt Brown and Thurston Brown on November 15, 1942. Raised by loving parents, grandparents, teachers, and religious leaders, she developed a strong personality of love, faith, respect, and self-esteem. Excelling early in life, her friends and neighbors knew and respected her from childhood. After attending schools in North Carolina, she migrated to Brooklyn, New York in the early 1960s. Being from the south, she maintained strong family ties and respect for others. Deaconess Moorning started working as a youth and has always been independent and highly self-motivated. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" which she used to instill high values in her children and encourage her family to reach their goals.

In 1965, Deaconess Moorning married the late James Moorning who passed away in 1979. Despite being widow at an early age with three young children, Deaconess Moorning managed to continue to excel academically and professionally. She graduated from New York City Institute of Technology earning an Associate's degree in Medical Technology, from York College earning a Bachelor's degree in Community Health, and from Brooklyn College earning her Master's degree in Environmental Science. She had a lengthy career as an educator, working as a science teacher, academic Chairperson and Building Science Mentor for the Department of Education until her retirement in 2003. She helped students prepare for and compete in science

fairs, and for the high school regents exam. Under her guidance, many students were exempt from the examination and many won prestigious science awards. She was also a member of Gotham Writers, the American Black Film Festival (ABFF), and the Screenwriting Expo.

In Brooklyn, NY, Deaconess Moorning continued her dedication to Christianity at Calvary Baptist Church of Red Hook in the year 1976 under the leadership of Reverend Arthur Crayton. In 2009, she was honored to have been instrumental in getting the church street co-named after the late pastor and builder. She served on the Hospitality Committee, Bylaws Committee, Pulpit Search Committee, Deaconess Board, Church Anniversary Committee, as Church Secretary, and sings in the Gospel Choir. Deaconess Moorning was a strong leader and role model in Calvary. She chaired the Pastoral Anniversary for 18 years, and served as Registrar and Faculty for the Christian Learning Center. As the Director of the Drama Ministry, she wrote poems, short films, created videos and authored more than 49 stage plays. Her love for writing began when she was a child, where she starred in numerous plays at school and wrote poetry for family members for Easter. Her motto is to pen words given by God in quietness that will speak volumes to people in pain.

Deaconess Moorning credits her faith in God as the guiding force of her success.

On Sunday morning, May 17, 2020, God called Deaconess Betty Jean Moorning from labor to reward, and she now rests in the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her parents, grandparents, and spouse preceded her in death. She is the proud mother of three children, Rev. Dr. Kim Moorning, a college professor, Kenneth Moorning, a retired Criminal Justice Captain, and Christopher Moorning, a contractor and laborer, a grandmother of two: Katrina Moorning-Laporte and Brandon Moorning, and one great grandson: Josiah LaPorte. She had and loved her siblings and in-laws (her sisters: the late Margie Young (the late James Young), Camilla Griggs (the late Douglas Griggs), Susie Moore (Frank Moore), Glenda Davis, Maxine Roberson, the late Marshall Peele, the late Michael Brown, Charlotte Andrews, two nieces,

Clemmie German, and Deidre Griggs, seven nephews: Anthony Young, Tyrek Young, Terrell Griggs, Tremaine Griggs, Donte Moore, Sean Moore, Akeem Moore and a host of in-laws, cousins, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and friends who love her. She will be truly missed, but she left a legacy that will forever be remembered!

# Cemetery Details

## **Pinelawn Cemetery**

328 Cemetery Road  
Bethel, NC 27812

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family and friends. May Deaconess Betty Jean Moorning sleep peacefully in Jesus.*



Yonette Goodridge - May 24, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy to the Moorning,Hines and Saylor Family HER life was a blessing,her memories will be treasured-- Our love for her is beyond what words can compare. From Belinda Hall and family*



Belinda hall - May 24, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy to the Moorning,Hines and Saylor family Her life was a blessing,her memories will be treasured - Our love for her is beyond what words can compare. From Belinda Hall and Family.*

Belinda hall - May 24, 2020 at 02:34 PM

BH

“ *Belinda Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



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**Belinda hall** - May 24, 2020 at 02:30 PM

PB

“ *My sincerest condolences to Kenneth, Kimberlee, Chris and their extended family and friends of Deaconess Betty-Jean. Deaconess Betty-Jean was a wonderful woman with a creative heart and mind that she shared with so many. May she rest in paradise.*



*Sis. Pamela Bumpars*

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**Pamela Bumpars** - May 24, 2020 at 12:56 PM

RH

“ *Oh how I loved to hear her sing her song "Some How I Made It" with all her might and strength. You will be missed. Sleep on Cousin Betty, sleep on. Until the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Rev. L. Hines** - May 24, 2020 at 12:53 PM

TH

“ To My Cousin Betty,

*I know it's hard for us to come to the realization that you will no longer be here with us. Betty, you made an impact on so many of us. I have so many good memories of you that will never be forgotten. Whenever I went upstairs to visit you, I will always seen my school picture in the front of your China cabinet. Betty, you were definitely a selfless woman. You was always there for my grandmother and you never forgot my birthday. The stories you would tell me about myself as a baby...Lol! Going to church on those Sunday mornings and see you sing your song that would have the whole congregation jumping for joy. I wish my daughter Sanaa could have gotten to know you. Betty, I love and will always miss you.*



*Tawana*

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**TAWANA HINES** - May 24, 2020 at 12:30 PM

EC

“ First I want to give thanks to God who is the head of my life 🙏 Now to the world, Mrs Moorning was a follower of The Father , the Son, & The Holy Ghost. She did what ever was pleasing to God 's glory. We will miss you. 🙏 Evelyn Cook and family. GodBless

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**Evelyn Cook** - May 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

TD

“ I'm sorry for the lose of a wonderful woman.  
Ms. Betty will be missed.



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**Tishawn R Dobey** - May 24, 2020 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ Praying God's peace and comfort for the family as you mourn the passing of Deaconess Moorning.

*I grew up in Bethel with her younger sibling and know the strong Christian family in which she was raised.*

*Praying that sweet memories of her will bring joy to your hearts.*

*Dianne Worsley Wilson*

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**Dianne Wilson** - May 24, 2020 at 09:23 AM

CH

“ Deaconess Betty Moorning played a pivotal role in my life growing up at Calvary. Through her drama ministry, she recognized gifts in me others didn't see. As an educator, Ms. Moorning played a huge influence in my professional field. Her words of wisdom and encouragement were essential and motivating, and it helped mold the educator I am today for the NYC Department of Education! I'm truly grateful my son got to know her. Tyler enjoyed every holiday season at Calvary because he knew Ms. Moorning would have a costume and a part for him to recite! Cheryl and Tyler loved you dearly. Take your heavenly rest Deaconess Moorning. I know you are singing and directing in your heavenly home. Gone, but never forgotten!

*Love Cheryl and Tyler Hall*

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**Cheryl Hall** - May 24, 2020 at 09:09 AM

RJ

“ *The Bridge that Lies Between*

*There's a bridge that lies between the earthly world we know so well,  
And a peaceful, perfect dwelling place of which the scriptures tell;  
There our loved ones live forever and what comfort it will mean,  
To know our memories will always be the bridge that lies between.*

*There is peace in knowing there is a new flower in God's garden we hope to see again. Now if only we could be half as humble and dedicated to the Master as our dear love one, that could come to fruition. A humble soul and a quiet spirit I shall never forget. There was not a lot of interaction, but just enough to get to know a truly beautiful person of God.*

*Family, please find comfort in knowing there is a bright side and God has chosen to bring Betty to it. Live to live again and meet on that same bright side.*

*In God's love,*

*Your cousin,*

*Rev. Lillian (Betty) Jenkins Jenkins*

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**Rev. Lillian Jenkins** - May 24, 2020 at 08:08 AM

TJ

“ *Betty Jean Morning, Woman of God, Servant of God, Philippians 1:5 Fort your fellowship in the gospel from the first day, until now..*

*She trusted God to guide her and use her to be an inspirational to others. to share what God gave her, to give to everyone. He gave her the Power, to perform the works that he had installed in her, to tell the story of how good God is. Somehow I know in my heart she made it, and she is with the faithful and obedient Calvary family. may God be with the family at this time.*

*Thomas Braxton Jones Jr.*

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**Thomas B Jones Jr.** - May 24, 2020 at 06:15 AM

ER

“ *1 file added to the album BJM*



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**Elder Dr. Gail Robinson** - May 24, 2020 at 05:23 AM

GR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Gail Robinson** - May 24, 2020 at 04:38 AM

MP

*Gone but never forgotten s.i.p* 🙏🙏🌹

**Marion Powell** - May 24, 2020 at 01:04 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Phipps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



**Shirley Phipps** - May 24, 2020 at 02:24 AM



“ *Sherry Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



**Sherry Nichols** - May 24, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ *Deaconess Betty Moorning A Very Energetic Woman Whom Touched Many Lives with her Gifts that God Laid upon her and She always Completed her Assignment with Much Success. Her Energy and Her Love for God was Displayed and Distribute among Everyone She Encountered. I will truly Miss her when I come Home to Visit and Visit My Calvary Baptist Church Family seeing her and Hearing her Singing with that Joyful Spirit and Will Miss Dining out with her after Service. You will Always Be In My Heart. Praying for Kim, Lindsey, and Chris and her Entire Family. R.I.P. SWEET ANGEL.*

*Sherry Horton Nichols*

**Sherry Nichols** - May 24, 2020 at 12:48 AM

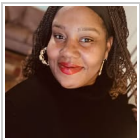
WA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It was a blessing to love and respect Betty Jean as a high school classmate and longtime friend. I will never forget the enthusiasm she shared about the challenges of producing theatrical plays, church mission work, and anything that would enhance the lives of people and the community. Now-family, friends, and the community are all better off by the way she shared the Word of God and His blessings and the life she lived. May God continue to bless the family.

*Willie Andrews and wife, Cora  
Class of 1961*

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**WILLIE ANDREWS** - May 24, 2020 at 12:18 AM

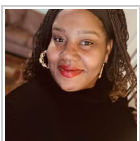


“ Krystle Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning



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**Krystle Jones** - May 24, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ I never thought in A millions years I would I be saying Rest In Peace to you. Thank You for being A Great Godmother who never failed me. A great loss this is to me but Heaven gained Angel, I will never forget you, you will always be in my heart, Take your rest until we meet again. Love your Goddaughter Krystle Jones.

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**Krystle Jones** - May 24, 2020 at 12:05 AM

MK

“ *There are no tears in heaven  
Nor Grief of any kind,  
She leaves this final teardrop  
To those she left behind,  
Though she's is absent from the body  
Only means that she is present with the Lord. Truly you will be  
missed by me,  
Maybelle Ketter.*



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**Maybelle Ketter** - May 23, 2020 at 11:56 PM

ST

“ *Stanley-Hyman lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Betty Jean Moorning*



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**Stanley-Hyman** - May 23, 2020 at 09:43 PM

WM

“ *To: The Family of My Director and Manager  
Readiness Betty Moorning, my heart felt  
condolences goes out to the Moorning  
Family. What a beautiful person she always  
had an encouraging word of a smile. Every  
time I say I can't she would say here I know you can do it, and you  
know what I would do it. Readiness Moorning was a person you  
could not say no to. She will be miss. Like one of her song I made it,  
yes she has gain her wings and gone to get her crown. Love you.  
You will never be forgotten.*



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**Williemae Martin** - May 23, 2020 at 09:38 PM

SG

“ Praying God's peace and comfort to you and family. We have truly lost a beautiful person in my cousin Betty. I can only imagine the joy of being in God's presence and hearing Him tell her well done thou good and faithful servant. Be blessed, Shirley and Joe Goncalves



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**Shirley Goncalves** - May 23, 2020 at 08:48 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - May 23, 2020 at 01:10 PM

AY

*My Auntie was a City set upon a Hill. Her light will shine on forever.*

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**Anthony Young** - May 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM

AG

“ Althea Gouff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning



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**Althea Gouff** - May 23, 2020 at 11:44 AM

AG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Deaconess Moorning was a guiding light that will continue to shine. She was truly a gem and she will surely be missed. She did so much in and for Calvary. Her job here is done now she can rest in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has her in his keeping I will forever have her on my heart.

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**Althea Gouff** - May 23, 2020 at 11:41 AM

PG

“ My cousin Betty Morning is and will always be remembered as a beautiful light Betty was a poet and playwright a beautiful asset to our entire family.. May God embrace the family during this difficult time. I love you all wish I could be there with you

*Pamela graham and family*

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**pamela graham** - May 23, 2020 at 10:24 AM

NH

“ My Sincere Prayers Of Comfort Are With All Of Ms.Betty Moorning’s Family, She Will Be Greatly Missed Here At The Calvary Baptist Church Of Red Hook. She Was Surely One Of A Kind ,She Always Made A Way To Vision Me and My Daughters In Her Plays or Skits,She Was A Good Teacher At The Christian Learning School I Will Never Forget, She Was So Encouraging & Rewarding ,I’ve learned A lot From Her,It’s So Much I Can Say, But I Know One Thing For Sure She Was A Woman Of God and She Will Be Missed By Me & My Kids



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**Nicole Harris** - May 23, 2020 at 08:50 AM

JB

“ *Our Prayers and Condolences to The Family of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning may God keep you and strengthen you in the days to come.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Baugh*

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**Jeffery Baugh** - May 22, 2020 at 11:07 PM

BH

*Our deepest sympathy to The Moorning, Hines and Saylor Family, Her life was a blessing, her memories will be treasured , our LOVE for her is beyond what words can compare.*

*From Belinda Hall and family  
Calvary Baptist church*

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**Belinda hall** - May 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM

TH

“ *Im going to miss you cousin betty. You always had me cracking up and laughing so hard. I loved how u loved taylyn so much always bringing her food and gift just because plus she acts just like you lol You love us and we love you and sitting in North Carolina right now its weird with out yall down south trips will never be the same but everytime we come down it will be for you, gearl and grandma*

*Love Always  
Tara & Taylyn*

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**Tara Hines** - May 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MC

“ *Myriam Carraway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



Myriam Carraway - May 22, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MH

“ *My Family,  
It is with sadness I send this condolence. I am praying for all of you during this time of transition for our departed cousin Betty Jean. My cousins, please remember I am there with you in spirit and my prayers are constantly for you. In His Name, Cousin, Margie Slade Henderson, Riverside, CA*

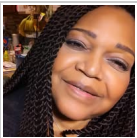
Mhenderson - May 22, 2020 at 05:59 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



Barbara Highsmith - May 22, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *To the family of my Beloved Cousin Betty. May you all know comfort that Betty is now in the Kingdom. May her beautiful spirit be for a Blessing to all. She will be so missed.*

*Love,*

*Cousin Sheila Bayley and family 🙏*

Sheila Trendy-v - May 22, 2020 at 02:52 PM

RC

“ REVEREND DORA COX sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning



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**REVEREND DORA COX** - May 22, 2020 at 01:48 AM

RC

*you have our condolence family; praying daily for you all; your love, and faith; in god will carry you all at the same time; when you feel like god is not there, he is right there, holding ;you all up there is no sorrow that heaven cannot heal  
love cox family*

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**REVEREND DORA COX** - May 22, 2020 at 01:54 AM

VH

*Betty, you have been a wonderful example and made a such an impact in my life. God specifically ordained Wednesdays with you, traveling on the city buses and visiting college campuses. He knew your obedience would impact the course of my lift. I will miss you. Until we meet in Glory! Love Vendetta.*

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**Vendetta Hines** - May 23, 2020 at 09:30 AM

SP

*My sincere condolences to the Moorning Family in loss of your love one. may the Lord word be of comfort to you. Shirley Phipps of The Greater Allen Cathedral AME Church of New York*

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**Shirley Phipps** - May 24, 2020 at 03:04 AM

RC

“ REVEREND DORA COX lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning



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**REVEREND DORA COX** - May 22, 2020 at 01:47 AM

SS

“ Not able to post everything that Betty meant to me. Her spirit, tenacity, concern, love, brilliance and the grace to serve to GOD and people. She will be missed by my household. Praying for Chris, Kim and Lindsey that God gives you peace as you grieve.  
Much love Shelly and Nana



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Shelley Sheridan - May 21, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KI

“ 4 files added to the album BJM



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Kim - May 21, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Pink Rose Bud (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning.



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May 20, 2020 at 03:17 PM

FP

“ To the Moorning Family,  
Deaconess Betty Moorning was a true friend of mine. She was a great Spiritual leader in her church. Many of the skills I'm using today came from observing her ability to get things done. Her work is not done, God has a plan for her. She will truly be missed by the Church and by me.  
Fond Memories,  
Deaconess Fannie Parker

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**Fannie Parker** - May 20, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SP

“ Chris, please accept my deepest condolences for you and your family and prayers for safe travels as you all travel to lay your Mother to rest. Spencer McCall

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**SP** - May 20, 2020 at 09:27 AM

PB

“ Pauline Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning



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**Pauline Bellamy** - May 19, 2020 at 07:27 PM

PC

“ Praying For The Family That God Will Give You All The Strength To Make Through Doing Your Diffucult Time.

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**Patrice Cox** - May 19, 2020 at 04:24 PM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Moorning*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - May 19, 2020 at 07:33 AM

GR

*My Prayers and Condolences go out to the Family. May God continue to Strengthen, comfort and cover you in your hour of need. Words cannot express the heartfelt grief that I am filled with today. the world will miss her contributions of Love, Compassion, Creativity, Kindness, and her Spirituality, support and Service. She will truly be missed. It is said that Great Souls never ever part, They leave an impression on anyone they come across. Rest In Peace my friend.*

*Elder Dr. Gail A. Robinson*

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**Gail Robinson** - May 24, 2020 at 04:50 AM

ER

*My Prayers and Condolences go out to the family. May God continue to strengthen, comfort and cover you all in your hour of need, Words cannot express the heartfelt grief that I am filled with today. The world will miss her Love, Compassion, Creativity, Kindness, her Spirituality, Support and Kindness. She will be truly missed. It is said that Great Souls never ever part. They leave an impression on anyone they come across. Rest In Peace my friend.*

*Elder Dr. Gail A. Robinson*

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**Elder Dr. Gail Robinson** - May 24, 2020 at 05:33 AM

JD

*My condolences to the family, may God continue to comfort and strengthened you during your time of sorrow. Deaconess Betty Moorning was a true women of God, she was all about God. She was not the type that gossip, she had a quiet spirit. She wore many hats and got the job done. She will truly be missed. Sleep in Internal Peace. Deaconess Betty Moorning.*

*Deaconess Joan David*

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**Joan David** - May 24, 2020 at 03:46 PM