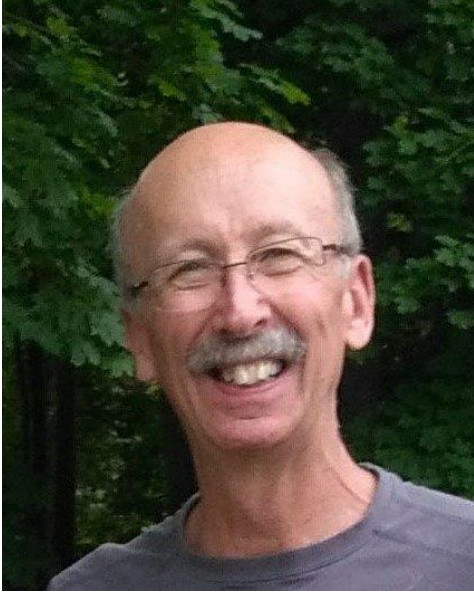




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Pastor Obituaries 2020

REV. ROBERT CHARLES OHSBERG



Robert Charles Ohsberg — 67 — of Sackville NS, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday March 3, 2020. He was the much loved son of Wilma and the late Oliver Ohsberg.

Bob met his wife Nancy while at Acadia and they have shared their life for 45 years. He was a proud and loving father to Karissa (Steve) Pilkington, Ian (Katie) and Victoria. He was 'Bobby' to his grandchildren Roman, Oliver, Ezra, Harlow, and Simon. They adored him and the feeling was mutual! In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Lynn and Larry Pearce, nephew Stephen, niece Erika and their families.

Bob received his BA in Psychology from Acadia University. He worked in Saint John as a family court counsellor before sensing God's call into pastoral ministry. He attended Bethel Seminary in Minnesota (M.Div.) and then served with wonderful people in Maugerville/Lakeville Corner Baptist Churches, Elmsdale Baptist, Murray Harbour Baptist and Bedford Baptist. In his retirement he and Nancy have enjoyed attending Grace Chapel. You could always find Bob with a smile and ready to crack a terrible joke or to help out however he could. For a number of years he was a volunteer firefighter. He was a recently minted handyman and reluctantly took on a number of household renovations. He volunteered at Beacon House, enjoyed his friends at ESL, delivered food for Meals on Wheels, and participated in various Bible studies. Bob dedicated his life to Jesus and to helping other people in their faith journey.



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REV. DR. MYLES DOUGLAS KRUEGER

Myles Douglas Krueger, PhD — 68 — of Amherst Shore, NS. died peacefully at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax on Friday, May 15th, 2020 with his beloved wife Sally (nee Fraser) and daughter Elisabeth Stewart (Steven) at his side. His death was truly a precious time of love and sharing, with Myles' eyes shining with his love for his family right up until the end. Vigil during this time was kept in New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario by his children Caitlin Dawe (Trevor), Alison Henderson (Joel) and William Krueger (Lisa) and grandchildren Gabrielle, Catalina, Clara, Tabitha, Gemma, Terry, Georgia and Maddie.

Myles grew up in Toronto before following his roots West, settling for a time in Edmonton and pursuing university studies, despite only having a grade 9 education. Myles began traveling annually to Hawaii, where in the late 1970s he met Bob and June Duffer.

Through them, he discovered his faith and calling to serve Jesus Christ, thence embarking on a scholarly journey that would take him to Nova Scotia, Scotland, and Buffalo Lake, Alberta. Myles received his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Aberdeen. He was ordained as a minister when he eventually settled at Amherst Shore, N.S., where he spent his time enjoying his grandchildren and ministering in seniors residences and the hospital.

While pursuing one of his three Masters degrees in theology and divinity at Acadia Divinity College, Myles worked in sales for a publisher. His future bride Sally was working in a small bookstore in Vancouver when Myles strolled through the door one day in 1990 to get an order. Their love story began then and continued for 30 years until he was taken home.

His life was not easy, with a very tough childhood and many health problems. But Myles strove in every aspect of life to be his best, and to look for the best in others. He encouraged his children to pursue their ambitions and was incredibly proud of each of them.

He is now at rest in the arms of his Heavenly Father, dressed in a Hawaiian shirt as blue as the waters off the coast of Maui.

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/campbells/obituaries/myles-douglas-krueger/49435/>

REV. BRENT CARLYLE ROBERTSON

Rev. Brent Carlyle Robertson — 84 — died peacefully in Souris Hospital, PEI and went to be with the Lord and to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife Priscilla (Viall), their children Jeffrey, David (Mary Secord), Jonathan (Leesa Naugler), Bonnie MacDonald (Brian) and Beth (William Knight) and grandchildren Laura, Liam, Laura, Abigail, Hannah, Sarah, Tamar, Ruby and Nahla. Also survived by nieces Janice and



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Jennifer, nephews Kerry and Lonnie, sister-in-law Mary (Toombs) and brothers-in-law John Viall (Patricia) and David Viall (Susan). He is predeceased by his parents Theodore and Susan (Jarvis), brothers Leith (Bertha Maxwell), Pat, Roy and Alymer, his daughter Julie Lynn, grandson Samuel and nephew Kevin. Brent was a greatly loved pastor, well known in both Truro, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Even after his retirement Brent served his home church in Kingsboro Baptist Church and as an interim pastor in many other churches across PEI. Brent was a great support, friend and father to the fatherless to many. Brent was also an avid fisherman, and known for his kindness, compassion and sense of humor. He is and will be greatly missed.

For those of us in Christ, we look forward to being reunited with him again in heaven. While gone, his impact and influence remains.

https://dingwellfh.ca/memorial/brent-carlyle-robertson-0?fbclid=IwAR02ifyPyPYdpSWe64urf6c693sApEJBXA0AB4dptSOTAPAGPn_e_gJctIA

PASTOR MARC DOUGLAS PHILLIPS

Marc Douglas Phillips — 59 — of Cornwallis Park, loving husband, father and Grampie, passed away suddenly at home from complications of heart and kidney disease. On Thursday, May 28th, 2020, the Lord called one of His faithful servants home, knowing that his battle on this earth was growing more tiresome.

Marc had a passion for the Gospel, and a desire to share it with those around him, whether it be family, friends, his medical team, or strangers he was about to get to know. He served as Pastor of Ashmore Bethel Baptist Church in Ashmore NS for the past number of years, where his congregante came to know and appreciate his style of delivering God's messages. The Covid19 pandemic meant getting those messages out in another way, therefore Marc took to social media to spread God's word, reaching beyond the structured walls of a building and touching more souls.

Prior to ministry, Marc was the General Manager of Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, an entity born of the former CFB Cornwallis Park. His work was fulfilling there, and challenging at times, and it pleased him to be part of a team who shared the same vision of reviving this community. He always said "surround yourself with good people, show respect, treat them kind, and your job as a manager will be easier." However, once 'the call' was placed upon his heart, Marc retired to more freely focus on his ministry.

Marc enjoyed simplicity in his life, choosing to focus on what was always important to him, his loving God and family. His daughters, who still called him for advice or 'just to chat', and his grandchildren, who he loved dearly, were shining jewels in his heart. Finding love, and building a life together with his soulmate, wife Esther, was a journey they were on together, creating a story of many chapters, and building memories that



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we'll all hold tight in our hearts. Marc's fur baby, a 9-mo. old golden name Maudie, will miss the bond the two of them had. Without doubt, she was his therapy puppy.

By nature, Marc was quiet, and very much a gentleman, a deep thinker and knowledgeable of so many topics. He always enjoyed some friendly competition in trivia, pool, snooker, basketball, cribbage, darts, and the many scrabble games he and Esther would play. Though he liked watching sports, he especially enjoyed the game of golf, playing whenever he was able, with his brother, friends and acquaintances. Marc's quick wit, off the wall humor, and corny jokes made us laugh often, and gave pause to his grandchildren to send a look his way and then ask "is that right Mom or is Grampie fooling?"

Born in Digby, Marc is survived by his wife Esther, a partner of 21 years, his daughters Lorelei (Atlas), Erica (Duston) and Courtney (Dave), his grandchildren Isabella, Isiah, Alexis and Avery. As well, by his mother Evangeline Head, sister Tanya Wambolt, brothers Rodney and Michell. He was predeceased by his father Gilbert Phillips of Kahnawake, special aunt Audrey 'Tody' VanTassell, grandmother 'Nanny' Irene Ruggles.

https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/digby-ns/marc-phillips-9202881?fbclid=IwAR1YFRPoCRHhp_RvHDIbQbdzqeZmphXJYKf1k9hoPBb_UN4KiP9-wsVhSaY

REV. DR. ROBERT 'BOB' BERRY



Robert Courtland Berry— 89 — was born in Moncton, NB, the eldest son of the late Harry and Bernice (Steeves) Berry. He met and married the love of his life, Grace Lambert, while attending Gordon College in Boston, Ma. They enjoyed 51 years of marriage before Grace passed away in 2004. Bob leaves behind three sons, Rik (Cathy),



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Paul (Marla), Glen (Ida), 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Bob will be missed by his siblings, Lois Collins, Dale (Shirley), Gerald (Jan), Janet, Duane (Sandy), David (Kathie), Albert; many nephews, nieces and extended family. As well as his parents and wife, Bob was pre-deceased by his son Don, brother John, sisters-in-law Joan and Arlene, and brother-in-law, Phil Collins.

Bob was a graduate of Gordon College and Seminary, Fuller School of World Missions, and Acadia Divinity College. He pastored churches in Pokiok, Grand Falls, and Ortonville NB, as well as Calvary (North Sydney, NS) and Forest Hills (Saint John) before joining the executive staff of Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board in Toronto, as Promotional Secretary and later as General Secretary.

Bob was the first pastor of North Burlington Baptist Church (Ontario) and in his retirement served as interim pastor at Grand Bay, Hillcrest, Germain St., Edith Avenue, Main St., and Lancaster Baptist Churches in Saint John. When not at work in ministries that took him around the world, Bob and his sons built their cottage on the Washademoak Lake (NB), where he enjoyed 51 summers with his family, including a week this past August.

Every generation of his family was important to him and they knew it. His life impacted countless others in Canada and throughout the world as he served in the name of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Visitation will take place Thursday, September 10th, 2020 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm, with a memorial service on Friday, Sept. 11th at 1:00 pm, all at Grand Bay Baptist Church. For Covid-19 distancing purposes, masks will be required during the service. Live streaming will be available for those unable to attend at www.grandbaybaptist.ca. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Canadian Baptist Ministries.

<https://www.fundyfuneralhome.com/obituary/Robert-Berry>

REV. DR. GEORGE ALLEN

ALLEN, Rev Dr. George Pilkington — 107, Crosskill Court, Bridgetown, formerly of Clementsvale, passed away on September 17, 2020, in the Veteran's Wing, Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born in North Sydney on March 21, 1913, he was the son of the late John Herman and Rowena (Pilkington) Allen. He attended and graduated from Regent Street High School, North Sydney, and in 1940 graduated from Acadia University and Acadia School of Theology where he was active in student affairs and served as President of the Acadia Students' Union. During his time at Acadia, he made his first trip to Clementsvale as a student minister where he met June Elizabeth Sanford. They married on September 30, 1940, spending nearly 71 years together until her death in 2011.



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He was a force of nature: strong of faith, kind of heart, and most of all generous of spirit. In vocation and in life, he lived to serve others with grace and compassion. There is no measure to the number of people he inspired and the lives he touched, in many small and significant ways.

An ordained Baptist minister for 79 years, he began his ministry with the United Baptist Mahone Bay Pastorate in 1940. At the time, the pastorate consisted of six churches; Mahone Bay, Northwest, Indian Point, New Cornwall, Upper Cornwall, and Hermans Island. He later would serve in Baptist pastorates in Tufts Cove, Canard (First Cornwallis Baptist Church), Truro (First Baptist Church), Dartmouth, (Steven's Road), and Bridgetown, from which he retired in May of 1984. Following retirement, he remained active supplying churches in Clementsvale, Bear River, Bear River East, Digby, North Range, Rossway, and Hillgrove.

Throughout his prolific ministry his service extended to many committees and institutional bodies including the Home Mission Board of the United Atlantic Baptist Convention (UABC), the Committee on Rural Life, the Radio and Television Committee, the Board of Stewardship, and Acadia's Board of Governors. In 1958, he was elected President of the Atlantic Baptist Convention. During his many pastorates he served as Moderator in several Baptist Associations and as Chairperson of numerous committees. His contributions were further recognized when he was awarded an Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree from Acadia Divinity College in 1968, and pastor emeritus distinctions for both Clementsvale Baptist and Bridgetown Baptist Churches.

Ministry was never just a profession for George. He approached it as a way life. Long after his retirement, he continued his ministry with the residents of Crosskill Court whom he viewed as family, sharing their joys and sorrows and officiating services in their common room. Above all, he endeavoured to share hope and love with everyone he met.

He made it a priority to form meaningful bonds in the towns and communities where he lived and ministered. George served as President of the Colchester County Tuberculosis Association and a Director of the Colchester Children's Aid Society, as well as a member of the Provincial Allied Youth Sponsoring Committee, Red Cross, and Boy Scout Group committees. In 1984, he was elected a life member of the Canadian Red Cross. He was honoured by the Clementsvale and District Recreation Commission in 2007 with the opening of the George Allen Family Park in Clementsvale. In his later years he enjoyed attending the meetings and being the song leader of the Order of Good Cheer.

He is survived by sons, David (Joyce), Mahone Bay; Paul, Debert; John (Pamela), Kensington, P.E.I.; daughter, Mary (Lawry) MacLeod, Oxford; grandchildren, Janet, Jennifer, Emily, Ben, Thomas, and William; great-grandchildren, Owen, Aislin, and Isabella; as well as nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Besides his parents



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and wife, June, he was predeceased by brothers, Eastwood and Herman, and sisters, Cora MacDonald, Mary Dick, and Mabel Warren.

<https://kaulbachfamilyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1099/George-Allen/obituary.html>

REV. TRACEY GROSSE

Reverend Tracey Rebecca Grosse, M.Ed. (Counselling), M.Div. BA, age 56, of Cherry Brook, passed away in perfect peace on October 22, 2020 in the presence of her Savior and Lord and family, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born July 11, 1964 in Cherry Brook, she was the daughter of Audrey (Johnston) Grosse and the late Kenneth Grosse. She was a beloved daughter, sister, godmother, aunt, pastor and friend. She is survived by Sisters, Mavis (John) Akasike and Twila, Brothers, Conrad, Charles (Roxanne) and Russell (Cassandra), goddaughter (Amber), nieces, nephews, several aunts, special great Aunt Mable (105), uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by Brother Pastor Blair Grosse, infant sister Joan, and special Aunt, Alma Johnston-Tynes. Rev. Grosse accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord, and was baptized at the age of 12 by the late Rev. Dr. Donald Skeir into the membership of Cherry Brook United Baptist Church.

Reverend Tracey Grosse was ordained into the Pastoral Ministry on November 23, 1996, at the request of Gibson Woods United Baptist Church, Centerville, Nova Scotia. She holds the distinction as the first ordained female Minister in the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia (AUBA) and the first Black ordained female in the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) – formerly Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. “We have come a mighty long way!” All glory to God.

Rev. Grosse was a graduate of Acadia University with a Master of Education Degree in Counselling 2016; Certificate in Adult Literacy, NS Department of Education 1994; Master of Divinity degree, in Pastoral Theology, Acadia Divinity College 1992; and a Bachelor of Arts degree, in Sociology, Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) 1986.

Rev. Grosse was a gifted teacher and preacher serving for 20 years as the Senior Pastor of Cobequid Road United Baptist Church, Lower Sackville, NS. (1999-2019). She also served the following churches: Beechville Baptist (1999-2001); Gibson Woods United Baptist (1994-1998); Cherry Brook United Baptist – supply Pastor (1992); Tracadie United Baptist – Student Pastor (1992) and New Horizons Baptist (formerly Cornwallis St. Baptist) – Student Intern (1990-1991). She served as a mentor to female ministry candidates in pursuit of ordained ministry in the CBAC for over 15 years. In addition, she had several years of experience working in adult literacy, coaching and life planning for women, employment counselling, workshop and small group facilitation.



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Rev. Grosse was a tireless servant; she served as the first ordained female Moderator of the AUBA, during her tenure, the AUBA adopted a Visioning Document; she was instrumental in the planning of the Combined 2007 Assembly where the AUBA partnered with CBAC under the theme: "Oneness in Diversity." She held various positions in the AUBA serving as Chairperson of the Licensing, Missions, Planning and Nominating Committees, a member of the Historical Committee, Regional Ministry Working Group, Assistant Clerk and AUBA representative on the Examining Council for Ordination for CBAC. Rev. Grosse also served on various boards and committees of CBAC including the Executive Minister Search Committee and Board of Ministerial Standards and Education. She was a member and director of the Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality; board member of the Black Cultural Society and the Counsel of African Canadian Education. In September 2006, she had the honor of delivering the homily at the installation service of the former Lieutenant Governor of NS the Honorable Mayann Francis. In July 1998, she was a speaker at the special convocation at MSU for honorary degree recipient Rosa Parks. She is an inductee into the Rev. Dr. W.P. Oliver Wall of Honor at the Black Cultural Centre for NS.

Rev. Grosse had a deep love and commitment for her family. She enjoyed public speaking, singing hymns and songs of praise and worship, reading, collecting dolls, travelling (toured Israel and the Holy Land) and attending conferences all over North America. She had a "green thumb" for houseplants and loved Christmas baking; plumb pudding, cranberry and coconut cinnamon loaves, pound cake and mini cheesecake tarts.

Her favorite Bible verse was Joshua 1:9. This verse, in particular, was the affirmation of God's calling and anointing on her life. Her favorite saying was, "To God Be the Glory for what He has done, is doing, will do, in us, through us and even in spite of us."

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/atlantic-dartmouth/obituaries/rev-tracey-rebecca-grosse-m-ed-m-div-b-a/57049>

REV. ROBERT STEEVES

Rev. Robert R. Steeves, 87, of Kenneth E. Spencer Memorial Home and formerly of Petitcodiac, passed away at the Spencer Home Monday, November 16, 2020 with his family by his side. Born in Moncton, he was the son of the late William and May (Tower) Steeves.

Following graduation from Moncton High School in 1951 he went to work at Blue Cross. In 1954 Bob and his wife Kady answered the call to Christian Ministry and moved to Boston where Bob attended Gordon College, graduating in 1962 with a B.A. and B.D. He ministered from 1962 – 1986 in Hampton, Campbellton, Lewisville, and Saint John. He served as President of the Atlantic Baptist Convention in 1985 – 1986. In 1986, he was called through the Atlantic Baptist Convention, to be Area Minister for Eastern New



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Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. He retired in 1999 from full time ministry. Following retirement, he was called as Interim Minister by Five Points Baptist Church, where he served for 3 years.

Bob enjoyed spending time at the family cottage on the Belleisle Bay in the summer months. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, reading, and most of all, spending time with his family.

Bob will be sadly missed by his children, Janet Harper (Ray), Karen Keirstead (John) both of Petitcodiac, and Mark (Shannon) of Airdrie, AB; grandchildren, Jessica, Hayley, Ashley, Drew, Nicholas, Zander, Noah, and Isaac; great-grandchildren, Lola and Della; sister-in-law Rita Steeves; brother-in-law, Gerald Sprague; several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Robert was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Kathleen "Kady"; sisters, Marion Landry, Irene Bottle, Beulah Goguen, Shirley Mollins, and Barbara Sprague; brother, Harold Steeves.

<http://www.keirsteads.ca/obituaries/150113>

REV. DR. NEIL PRICE

Neil Gladstone Price, 104, died peacefully in Greenwich on December 27, 2020. He was born in Hartfield, New Brunswick on March 18, 1916 to John C. and Harriet (Marston) Price, weighing in at 2lbs 6 oz. He survived his first winter bundled in blankets and warmed in the bread warmer of the old kitchen stove! Fortunately, he would go on to live a healthy and fulfilling, long life.

Neil was the beloved husband of Mary Morrison, to whom he was married to for 67 years. He was father to Carolyn (Fritz Weiland), Heather (Peter MacKay) and Nancy (Paul Morgan), had eight grandchildren; Kurt & Erica Weiland; Britt, Eliot & Scott McKinnon; Angus, Noel, and Gabe Morgan and one great-grand child, Amos Eli McKinnon.

Neil spent his formative years in New Brunswick, Quebec and PEI. He told wonderful stories of his time as a young boy in Quebec when he cared for Grey Owl's beaver kits. He was inspired by this pioneer Canadian environmentalist and his love of nature endured throughout his lifetime. Even at 100 years of age he loved to go out and count the deer on the hill at sunset while at his cottage in Petite Riviere.

He received a teachers' license in 1936 from Prince of Wales, PEI and in 1940 a BA from Acadia University. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force 1940-1945 as an air observer, navigator, and group intelligence officer. Following the war in 1949 he received his Bachelor of Civil Law from UNB and practiced as a solicitor in the legal division of the Dept. of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa. In 1953 he returned to Acadia to receive his theology degree and went on to serve as a pastor in Ontario and the Maritime provinces, finishing his ministry at the Wolfville Baptist church, 1973-1984.



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His love for Acadia lasted his lifetime. Initially recruited by athletic director Fred Kelly, he became an all-star goalie for Acadia: one of his proudest moments was as captain, leading Acadia to its first Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey title in 1940. He was admitted to Acadia Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. Neil was also the longest serving member of the Board of Governors of Acadia retiring in his 90's. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity by Acadia University in 2006 and, at the age of 103 in 2019, he received Acadia's lifetime achievement award.

Neil will be remembered for his fair, ethical approach to life. He felt an obligation to help where and when needed and faithfully served his community. He was a founding member of Wolfville Meals on Wheels, past chairman of the Crosbie Center in Kentville, Past President of the United Baptist Atlantic Convention, Chairman of the Outreach Commission of the Baptist Federation (CBF) of Canada, and CBF representative for the Canadian Council of Justice, Corrections and Religious Liberty Commission. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Police Commission for many years and was an interim RCMP Chaplin for the Swiss air tragedy. After retirement he moved to Tideways Co-op in Wolfville, during which time he served as Chair of the Wolfville Habitat Co-op. The past nine years he lived in Shannex, Blomidon Court, where he busied himself writing his memoirs, "Flashbacks and Slapshots" and "Just Wondering," completed when he was 102. He lived his life according to his daily morning prayer "Renew a right spirit within me."

Neil had a great sense of humour and loved family gatherings and other social events. He was a people person, he loved people and that was reflected throughout his life.

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