



Joel Philip Oustalet

June 26, 1961 - March 2, 2022

Funeral Services for Joel Philip Oustalet will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 710 N. State St., Jennings, Louisiana. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am, in the church, followed by the A.C.T.S. Rosary at 10:30 am. Funeral mass will begin at 11:11 am officiated by Reverend Jay Clement Alexius. Burial will be in the Calvary Mausoleum under the direction of Matthews and Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Oustalet was born June 26, 1961, in Jennings, Louisiana, and died March 2, 2022, at Ochsner's Hospital in New Orleans following a protracted and valiant struggle due to complications from heart surgery.

He was preceded in death by his parents A.J.M "Bubba" Oustalet and Lena Mae Easley Oustalet and younger brother Fred Zigler Oustalet.

A native of Jennings, Gulfport and Pass Christian, MS, and a resident of Lake Arthur and Lafayette, LA. Oustalet was a respected businessman both in and outside of Jeff Davis Parish.

A 1979 graduate of St. John's High School, Gulfport, MS, Oustalet went on to study at LSU where he met and married his college sweetheart, the former Lisa Hayes of Alexandria. After graduating from LSU in 1983, Oustalet joined the family business and eventually became President and CEO of Bubba Oustalet Chevrolet-Cadillac and partner in Bubba Oustalet Ford, Lincoln, and Toyota.

Mr. Oustalet's life was centered around family, church, community and the automotive industry. He is survived by his wife Lisa, daughter Jolie Oustalet-

Picou (Richard) of Jennings, sons Joel Philip Oustalet, II of Slidell, and Chance Christian Oustalet of Lafayette. He leaves four cherished grandchildren Richard James, Jack Cannon, Easley Oustalet, Georgia Anne Picou and one more one the way all of Jennings. He is also survived by his sisters Connie O. Byrne of Lafayette, Roxanne O. Lagarde (Jules) of Covington, and Michelle O. Lyons (Jimmy) of Lafayette and brothers: A.J.M. "Butch" Oustalet, III of Gulfport, MS, Richard C. "Ricky" Oustalet of Jennings, Ronald R. Oustalet (Andra) of Jennings, James B. "Jimmy" Oustalet (Michelle) of Jennings, and Lance R. Oustalet of Long Beach, MS, 29 nieces and nephews, and more than 39 great-nieces and nephews.

Religion was an integral part of Joel's life from attending mass and being involved with ACTS and Knights of Columbus to serving as a trustee for Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. He donated timeless hours to raise funds, build countless church buildings, and prayer gardens, and purchase organs, catholic school transportation and other projects including \$22 million for the Return to the Lord Campaign of the Lake Charles Diocese. Mr. Oustalet was a member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree and was honored to become a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

He also made it a priority to continue a 55 year family tradition begun by his father to host an annual priests and deacons luncheon every May for the Lake Charles and Lafayette Diocese. Oustalet made several religious pilgrimages and attended retreats and encouraged others in their own private and personal faith journey.

Ever civic minded, Oustalet held positions in the Jennings Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club International, Jennings High School Quarterback Club, JHS Baseball Booster, American Legion Hospital Foundation, Saint Patrick's Hospital Board, and Jennings Industrial Development Board. He served on the Jeff Davis Bank Advisory Board, the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Board (35 years), Jeff Davis Parish Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman, Communities Against Domestic Abuse (CADA), Zigler

Museum ZAM Member, and was Vice Chair of the Lake Arthur Regatta as well as the Chair of the Jeff Davis Mosquito Abatement Board. His dedication to the community and organizations earned him the title of Jennings Business Person of the Year. He was also recognized for his noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to the community and was awarded by the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Joel P. Oustalet's business, fellow dealers, and employees were his life! He was most passionate about serving his fellow Louisiana and national dealers. Joel was a Louisiana Auto Dealer Association Chairman, National Automotive Dealer's Association Vice Chairman of Region II, and board member of Louisiana Dealer Services. He was honored to be named the National Automotive Dealer's Association Director of the Year and the 2011 NADA Convention Chairman. Mr. Oustalet was chosen to represent fellow dealers on Ford National Dealer Council. He was instrumental in protecting dealers from many government regulations and wanted to preserve the industry for future generations.

Joel had a true love for his Alma Mater and his LSU Tigers! He could be found tailgating and never missed the LSU Fighting Tiger Band! He was a member of the Tiger Athletic Fund (TAF), LSU Transportation Team, and Louisiana State University Alumni Association. Mr. Oustalet was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and a "Life Loyal Sig."

There was nothing better than enjoying time with family and friends, a great meal, and watching the sunsets of Lake Arthur. His larger than life personality was most prevalent from Christmas through Bacchus Sunday each year. And, as always, the thrill of the beads, revelry, and the party! His untimely departure came after his favorite season, and on Ash Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in his name to Camp Karol Catholic Youth Retreat Center, 1087 Bozo Road, Moss Bluff, LA 70611.

Online condolences can be extended through www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. with an A.C.T.S. Rosary following at

10:30 a.m., and funeral services at 11:11 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Evangeline Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 11:11 AM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Rosary

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Funeral Mass

MAR 9. 11:11 AM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Philip Oustalet*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr Joel came into my gallery the week before his surgery. That was only the second time I met him. He talked to me as if he knew me a long time. Prayers for the family. The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'*

Tony Bernard

Tony Bernard - March 15, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Oustalet family.*

*Joel was a good man!
R.I.P.*

Mark Buller

Mark Buller - March 09, 2022 at 08:17 PM

ED

*“ My family is deeply sorry about the loss of Joel. As you grieve, know that we are remembering and honoring him with prayer. I will always remember him in many positive ways with a big smile and a great sense of humor. He was an intelligent man and he always had a positive story. We loved him dearly.
Ella Dartez Williams*



Ella Dartez-Williams - March 09, 2022 at 12:08 PM

KJ

*“ Blessings to all of the Oustalet family. Joel will be missed. May God keep all of you in his arms at this time.
Kenny Jeansonne,*

Kenny & Jacky Jeansonne - March 09, 2022 at 12:05 PM

MH

“ I was on a Deep retreat with Joel he was my roommate every night He read his prayer books and Bible. Then we talked about what we did that day and our families he share with me how proud he was of his family and loved having them working with him he said it was a blessing. My wife Susan is in the car business so we had something in common. I really enjoyed Joel's friendship. He will be deeply missed. I love you my Brother in Christ R.I.P. Joel.

Michael Henson - March 09, 2022 at 10:49 AM

JL

“ To Darren, Jolie & the entire Oustalet Family. I was sorry to hear when Joel went into the hospital & heartbroken to hear he had passed away. Joel was always a good friend to me & always helped me out when he could in the car business. I was still doing business with him until the very end. Honest, straightforward, loyal to a fault and always available if needed. My heart & prayers go out to him & his extended family. Adios my buddy!

Joe LeBlanc Lafayette, La. DW Vehicle Leasing

Joe LeBlanc - March 09, 2022 at 10:30 AM

EL

“ Enterprise Truck Rental (Scott, LA) purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



Enterprise Truck Rental (Scott, LA) - March 09, 2022 at 08:54 AM

DL

“ Our condolences to Lisa, Jolie, Joel, Chance and Oustalet family. Joel was such a positive, caring person and enjoyable to visit with, he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this time. God bless and keep all.

Daniel & Frances Lopez

Daniel & Frances Lopez - March 09, 2022 at 08:25 AM

DP

“ Joel made our daughter feel like a princess with her first car from Oustalet Chevrolet Cadillac for her birthday. He & Jolie had balloons on it in the show room. And Joel’s booming voice welcoming her and wishing her a happy birthday! We love you and miss you.

Our prayers with Lisa, Jolie, Chance & Joel 🙏. May he Rest In Peace now that his work on earth is done.

David, Lisa, Joseph & Elizabeth Perry

David Perry - March 09, 2022 at 12:26 AM

MT

I just learned of Joel’s passing. We were at the same table during our acts retreat in 2018. What a powerful, faithful, and good hearted man. He stood out from everyone with his positive demeanor.. My condolences to all his family. RIP MY FRIEND..

Mark Theriot - March 09, 2024 at 08:18 PM

DC

“ To the family: I am saddened to know of Joel's passing. He was a ery welcoming man, both at the dealership and the annual clergy picnics. I assure you I will miss that smiling face and strong, inviting voice.

*Deacon George Carr
Lake Charles*

Deacon George Carr - March 08, 2022 at 11:35 PM

D,

“ *Dr. Jim and Beryl Wade ,Collin , Regan , purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



Dr. Jim and Beryl Wade ,Collin , Regan , - March 08, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 08, 2022 at 09:43 PM

FM

“ *We prayed for Joel, and now we will pray for his family as you grieve his loss. Ed and Flo McNally*

Flo McNally - March 08, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CA

“ *Lisa, my deepest sympathy to you and all of the Oustalet Family. Joel was a special person. His energetic, good-humored personality and mischievous smile will be missed by all. May God's presence comfort you all in this difficult time. Charles Atchison*

Charles Atchison - March 08, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 08, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Altieri Insurance Consultants-Tampa, FL purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



Altieri Insurance Consultants-Tampa, FL - March 08, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Lisa And Family, we share your sadness in the passing of our nephew Joel. He will be remembered for all the good he brought to so many. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, and we wish you peace and comfort going forward.*

Penny and Ken Pierce

Penny Pierce - March 08, 2022 at 12:20 PM

PP

“ Lisa And Family, we share your sadness in the passing of our nephew Joel. He will be remembered for all the good he brought to so many. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, and we wish you peace and comfort going forward.

Penny and Ken Pierce

Penny Pierce - March 08, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ Blue & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 08, 2022 at 11:29 AM



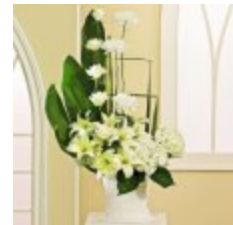
“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 08, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 08, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 07, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *May God give you the strength and courage to get through this very difficult time, and may you find comfort in knowing He has welcomed your loved one with open arms.*

*With sincere condolences,
Jimmy & Bridget Thomas*

Jimmy & Bridget Thomas - March 07, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Jolie, Richard, Jr. and Family,*

So sorry to hear of Mr. Oustalet's passing. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sending lots of hugs, kisses, love and prayers!

*Patti Manuel
(Picou Brothers Construction Company, LLC)
Gonzales, LA*

Patti Manuel - March 07, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry for your families loss of such an amazing man. Although I did not see Joel a a lot he always touched my heart. Joel was so generous with his time, words and faith. He always made me feel like I was important to him. My family enjoyed many moments at the Oustalets place on the lake. I loved talking dealership life with him. When I bought my Lexus he would tease me..”you know, it’s nothing but a Camry, then he would laugh and watch my face. What a great smile he had. will continue to pray for your family and that God holds you all close..
Love to you all
Jane Easley



Jane Easley - March 07, 2022 at 03:44 PM

VL

“ To Lisa and family.... My heart was broken when I heard the news of Joel's passing. I remember in his early days of dating Lisa when I lived in Alexandria. I would be visiting Donnie with Lisa and Joel there. I remember his huge smile and his vibrant personality! He will be missed and you have our sympathy and condolences.
Love ya'll..... Vernon & Donna Lee

Vernon Lee - March 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

RF

“ *My cousin Joel was such a good man. To witness the love shown by his family during these past few very difficult weeks showed everyone just how very much he was loved. He will be missed. Sending our deepest condolences to Lisa and the whole Oustalet family.*

With love,

Robin Pierce Fruehe and John Fruehe

Robin Pierce Fruehe - March 07, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SC

“ *Sincerely, Tom & Susan Cox purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



Sincerely, Tom & Susan Cox - March 07, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 07, 2022 at 10:47 AM

TG

“ *The Home of Grace purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



The Home of Grace - March 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

SR

“ *Lisa, my prayers are with you and your family along, with the entire Oustalet family. Joel was just a little boy when I began working for his dad in Gulfport, Ms. As his secretary, I watched all of the Oustalet children grow up and marry and have children of their own. They were there for me when I lost my husband at an early age (53). I miss all of you and pray God will watch over all of you in this time of sorrow. Shirley Ross*

Shirley Ross - March 06, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 06, 2022 at 09:21 AM

SD

“ Joel stands out in my memory of St. John High, Gulfport, I taught him, and HE taught me the gentle art of caring for the vulnerable is not only for grown ups. How he loved his little brother! With all his humor and good will, he never put down or ignored anyone. His sense of play was never far from the surface. One day a gorilla came into my classroom, but it took only one look into the gentle brown eyes of this creature for me to recognize the caring, fun-loviing student I came to respect and cherish for his derep soul.

Sister Honora Remes, DC - March 05, 2022 at 11:17 PM

JO

Sister Honora, he spoke about you often and had a deep respect for you. Thank you for the kind words that are so representative of my father. Jolie

Jolie Oustalet-Picou - March 06, 2022 at 06:00 PM

CP

“ Clarence and Kitty Prudhomme share the loss of Joel. Our sincere condolences to Lisa and family. Glad to have him as a member of the EOHSJ.

Clarence Prudhomme - March 05, 2022 at 01:41 PM

PR

“ When I was elected president of our local ROTERY chapter. Joel told me that the term was changed from one year to 5. Always the jokester with a dry sense of humor. He will be missed by many.

Patsy Richard - March 05, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 05, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Lisa, children and all of the Oustalet family I send my deepest condolences to you all. I have kept you all in my prayers over the last difficult weeks and will continue to do so. Joel was my little brother in Sigma Chi and long time friend. His smile and great character will be be greatly missed in this world. My heart hurts for all of you guys.*

Chris Vaccari - March 05, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 05, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *I used to Work With Joel At Bubba Oustalet. What a Great Guy. Prayers To Family. Tell Ric I said I am Sorry.*

Brian Fontenot - March 05, 2022 at 07:11 AM



My prayers are with the family. Bubba Lang and the Lang family

Bubba Lang - March 05, 2022 at 10:28 AM

TG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you all find comfort and solace.

Benny and Tammye Gillard

Tammye Gillard - March 05, 2022 at 05:51 AM

LG

“ Lisa, I send my most sincere sympathies to you and your children. The loss is massive, I know. Please be gentle with yourselves as you negotiate all your feelings over time. I pray that all the uplifted prayers will bring you peace. I'm so sorry, old friend 🙏❤️

Leslie Ponthie Gorman - March 04, 2022 at 11:20 PM

DS

“ Praying for your entire family.
Darren Sensat !
May Gods blessings flow to each and everyone of you! When we will meet up there together again!

Darren Sensat - March 04, 2022 at 10:44 PM

KL

“ Rest in peace my friend. Prayers for the Oustalet family to find comfort.

Kenny Lasserre - March 04, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MK

“ Lisa and family: My deepest condolences and loving prayers go out to you all. I was so fortunate to get a call from him not long ago when he learned of medical journey. It was like high school again, you know how he can do!! I will cherish that time and smile, just as I hope his memories provide y'all comfort now and evermore. Much love.

Marvin Koury

Marvin Koury - March 04, 2022 at 09:41 PM

DA

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. My prayers are with you at this time.

darlene - March 04, 2022 at 08:54 PM

JG

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I met Joel when he was a Senior at St. John's. He was the nice guy that drove a purple El Camino. What a wonderful person. Again so sorry.

Julia wittmann Guneau - March 04, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 04, 2022 at 07:07 PM

FH

“ Joel was a man true to all. His heart was bigger than I have ever seen. He was such a pleasure to be around & always made us laugh. My heart is heavy with prayer for Joel & his family 🙏❤️ He is gone but never to be forgotten.

Much Love and respect for an awesome man
Love Mark & Fran Hampton

fran Hampton - March 04, 2022 at 06:49 PM

KH

“ Our old world will not be quite the same without this cheerful, friendly guy in it. Prayers for his family.

Kit Hanks - March 04, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss Butch. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family through these sorrowful times.

Jeff and Amy Steiner - March 04, 2022 at 05:58 PM

BM

“ Jimmy and Michelle, so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. May God bless your family during this very difficult time and may your brother rest in peace.



Becky Mullins - March 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 04, 2022 at 04:46 PM

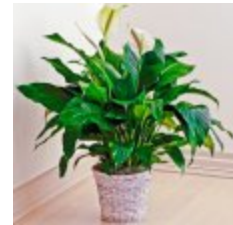


“ I worked for Oustalet Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Toyota in the mid 1980's, and it was a great time to be under the leadership of Mr. Bubba, Ricky, Joel, Jimmy, Lance. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. - From Pennsylvania

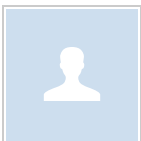
Stephen Hebert - March 04, 2022 at 04:42 PM



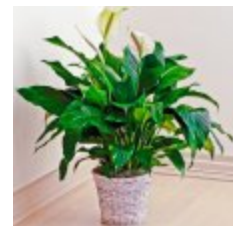
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 04, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 04, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.



March 04, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ We never met a more affable, caring person than Joel who was always quick with a smile, a hug, and/or a good story. It seems impossible that he has left the world so soon. The world needs more men like Joel who love their families with all that they are, who work tirelessly for them and for the community, and who put his fervent faith in God in action every day of his life. Joel surely heard "Well done, good and faithful servant" when he met our Lord face to face. Our prayers now are for his loving family for their consolation and peace especially for Lisa, Joel, Jolie, and Chance and his precious grandchildren. In time, we pray the Lord will heal their pain enough to allow the good memories to comfort them. Our community is dimmed by his passing.

Donna and Joel Richert - March 04, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ To my good friend, you will truly be missed. We are all truly saddened by your untimely departure. We pray for you and your loved ones. May you find peace in your journey.

*Steve Allwine
Alaska*

Steve Allwine - March 04, 2022 at 02:28 PM

GD

My career in the Automotive industry started as a young rep for LDS at the same time young Joel was beginning his career in the family business in Gulfport. That was my only account for a long while due to regulatory license issues, so I serviced that account vigorously. Had immense respect for Bubba and Jimmy, and got to know Butch during that time. Years later, in typical Joel fashion, he announced during lunchtime that I was there so much he was "concerned about my preferences." I cleaned that quote up to be politically correct. I'm very saddened by this news and prayers up for Joel and the entire Oustalet family. RIP

*Mike Dobson
Procarma
Fairhope, Al*

G. Michael Dobson - March 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Joel Philip Oustalet.*



March 04, 2022 at 01:52 PM

TC

“ *Joel,
Thank you for sharing your life and time with us. You touched many dealers at NADA and your State of Louisiana. You and Lisa are in our prays. Your Faith inspired many of us.
Tom and Anita Castriota (Florida Dealers and friends).*

Tom Castriota - March 04, 2022 at 01:29 PM

CP

“ Please know how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Not only was Joel an honest man but he was a person who you could call a friend. He will be deeply missed. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless,
Cindy and Bobby Price



Cindy Price - March 04, 2022 at 09:49 AM

ED

“ My family is deeply sorry about the loss of Joel. As you grieve, know that we are remembering and honoring him with prayer. I will always remember him in many positive ways with a big smile and a great sense of humor. He was an intelligent man and he always had great a story. We loved him dearly.
Ella Dartez-Williams and Family



Ella Dartez-Williams - March 03, 2022 at 11:17 PM

PC

“ My deepest condolences to the Oustalet family on their loss



phelina clement - March 03, 2022 at 09:34 PM

CD

We prayed regularly for Joel and his family. May God give you comfort, peace, and rest in knowing that Joel is with Jesus. May your memories of him be those you made with him before this long illness.

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - March 04, 2022 at 04:42 AM

PP

I'm deeply sadden to here the loss of Joel.didn't know him personally,but i got a chance to talk too him by Phone.please accept my prayer's & deepest heartfelt sympathy too all his Family & Love one's..

Patsy Pete - March 04, 2022 at 10:27 PM

BB

i just found out today that Mr. Oustalet passed away in march of this year. i met him a few years ago when he and his family parked his big motor coach in our parking lot in Natchitoches, la for christmas festival weekend. in conversation i discovered he knew Calvin Braxton, owner of our local ford dealership....i remember him as a very nice and friendly man, always a smile.. my most heartfelt sympathy to his family..... Beverly Barnum, Delta Consulting, Inc.

Beverly Barnum - October 24, 2022 at 01:06 PM