



# Devin McDowell Williams

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**D**evin McDowell Williams, age 26, of Huntersville, NC departed this life on Thursday, March 4, 2021 for his Eternal Home. He was born on a Sunday, Labor Day weekend September 4, 1994, in Evanston, Illinois to his father, Vernion Talmadge Williams, II and his mother, Dianna Langston Williams.

Devin attended Huntersville Elementary School, Francis Bradley Middle School and Marie G. Davis Military & Global Leadership Academy. Upon early graduation from High School at MGLA he joined the Marines, and attended the Citadel Military Academy in Charleston, SC for a period after joining the Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps he attained the rank of Sergeant before his honorable discharge. He later transferred to the Universal Technical Institute where he completed his studies in Mechanics, eventually becoming a Master Technician. Devin was a valued member, worker, and leader in his workplaces, and in every environment he found himself in. He loved working on cars, and driving them too, and trucks and motorcycles (anything with wheels and an engine), and had many interests and talents outside of that including music, solving Rubik's Cubes, and being there for people in his life- whether he had known you for years, or just met you. A life-long learner, he was always studying something new, and could always tell you something you didn't know. He especially enjoyed the challenge of taking things apart and then putting them back together, better than before. He was an authentic soul, and people were just drawn to him.

In addition to his Parents mentioned above, Devin is survived by his son, Jaden Christopher Williams (Mother Jemea Woods); Sister, Kellie Williams; his Stepfather, Kenneth Strother; his Grandmother, Gladys Howard Pettiford (Joseph Pettiford, Sr); his 2 Stepsisters, Andrea Wolfe and Brittany Stone (Rob Schnabel); Uncles from both sides, Joseph Pettiford, Jr (Kimberly), Robert Pettiford(Antoinette), recently deceased; Addison Williams, Jr; Christian Williams; Daniel Williams; Eric "Gus" Williams; his lifelong friend and "Brother from another Mother," Chase Eklund, and a large host of cousins and other relatives and friends from all over.



## Obituary

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He liked this poem by Lord Byron, When We Two Parted

“When we two parted In silence and tears, Half broken-hearted To sever for years, Pale grew thy cheek and cold, Colder thy kiss; Truly that hour foretold Sorrow to this ...”

The funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM, at James Funeral Home in Huntersville. The visitation will be held on Saturday, March 13, 6:00-8:00 PM, at the same location. Interment will be at St. Phillip Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Huntersville with military honors following the funeral.

This obituary was lovingly written by his family.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family.



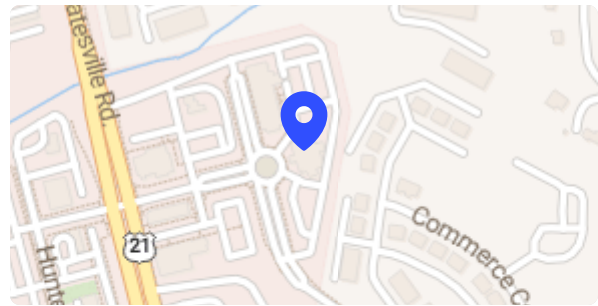
# Events

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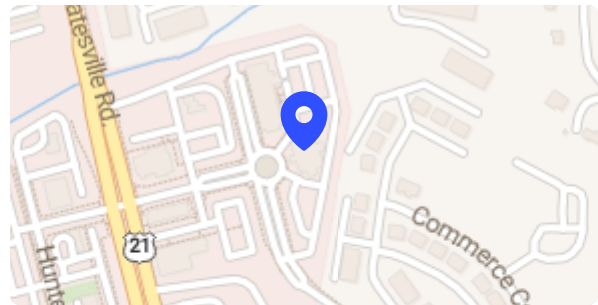
## Visitation

- Saturday**, March 13, 2021
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



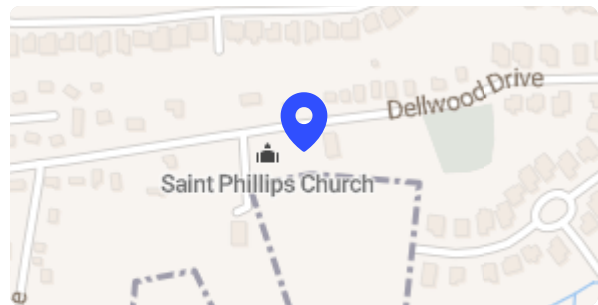
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## Cemetery Details

- St. Phillip Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery**  
524 Dellwood Drive, Huntersville NC 28078





# Tribute Wall

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**Vella** lit a candle in honor of Devin.  
still praying for Devin's safe journey.

February 2 at 8:12 PM



**Vella** lit a candle in honor of Devin.  
still praying ☐☐

June 14 at 11:40 PM



**Maurvella** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

March 24 at 2:06 PM



**Curtis Askew** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

March 15 at 5:19 PM



**Tangee Williams** sent a virtual gift in honor of Devin.

To my nephew Devin; I remember you as a beautiful child and I've seen the wonderful son and father you grew to be. My heart is broken by your sudden passing. I will miss you terribly and love you always. -Tangee-

March 13 at 6:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

March 13 at 7:43 AM





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**The Dugan Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

March 13 at 5:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.

March 12 at 2:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

March 12 at 12:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

March 12 at 9:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Williams family.

March 12 at 8:05 AM



**Your Honest-1 Family** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Williams family.

March 12 at 7:57 AM





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**Jayne Williams** sent a Care and Compassion Spray to the Williams family.



March 12 at 6:03 AM



**Muriel Seabrook** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

Sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Devin McDowell Wiiams. May God give you peace and love at this difficult time. Our hearts are broken at his passing. Our love to you.Aunt Muriel and Theodore SeabrookBrookhaven, PA.



March 11 at 6:51 PM



**Ginger Eklund** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The Boys of Wynfield Creeke; Chase, Devin, and Donnie



March 11 at 2:44 PM



**Ginger Eklund** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So thankful for the friendship between Devin and Chase.



March 11 at 2:40 PM



**Janice Davidson** posted:

Devin was a very kind, gentle and talented soul! He was truly a gift. I enjoyed working with him and will always remember his warm smile.Sincerely,Janice Davidson

March 11 at 1:12 PM



**Dianna Williams** March 11 at 2:16 PM

Janice, Thank you for the kind remarks, he loved music and participated for 10+ years of his short life as my beloved drummer. Whenever we needed him, he went!



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**The Crump Family: Paul, Tina, Tyson & Faith** sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Williams family.

March 11 at 1:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Williams family.

March 11 at 12:47 PM



**With Sympathy From Everyone At Autobell A15** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.

March 11 at 10:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.

March 11 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Williams family.

March 11 at 4:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Williams family.

March 10 at 3:26 PM







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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Williams family.

March 9 at 9:50 AM



**Hope Eley** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

March 9 at 8:45 AM



**Eric And Sharon May** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Williams family.

March 9 at 8:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.

March 9 at 5:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Light to the Williams family.

March 8 at 6:40 PM



**Lisa Simmons Mikell** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

Our deepest condolences Vernon and family on the loss of your dear son. Pray your memories provide you comfort at this very difficult time. Much love , Lisa Simmons Mikell & family

March 8 at 5:22 PM





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LN

**Love, Jarvia Jones Newsome** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Williams family.



March 8 at 1:53 PM

MM

**Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Mcmillan** lit a candle in honor of Devin.



March 8 at 1:25 PM

DW

**Dianna Williams** March 8 at 2:50 PM

Thank you so much Mr. & Mrs. McMillan! We appreciate your sentiments.

MM

**Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Mcmillan** March 8 at 1:29 PM

To: Dianna Williams & Williams Family Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this most difficult time. My Wife and I Pray your Strength in the Lord. Mr. & Mrs. Marshall McMillan Greenville, South Carolina Grandparents of Addison McDowell Williams, III

KF

**Kay James & Curt Flood** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Williams family.



March 8 at 9:51 AM

TT

**The Jll Bmw Account Team** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Williams family.



March 8 at 7:50 AM

DA

**Dad** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 8 at 6:19 AM



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**Dianna Williams** shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.



March 8 at 5:48 AM



**Samantha Shaver Phillips** lit a candle in honor of Devin.



March 8 at 4:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Williams family.



March 8 at 4:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Williams family.



March 7 at 6:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Williams family.



March 7 at 5:50 PM



**Dianna Williams** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Williams family.



March 7 at 5:24 PM



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**Ed Gash** lit a candle in honor of Devin.

No parent should have to do this. Cindy and I have learned it is called 'sitting in the mud' .. and it is OKAY. Just to sit.....I'll be honored to 'sit with you Vern.'" Fond memories of Devin on our TV show. Masons sold you popcorn for scouts and thought you looked like Gregory Hines. Your loving team mate and fellow dad with 'empty arms'...Ed Gash 9802079838



March 7 at 3:46 PM



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**Dianna Williams** shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



March 7 at 1:52 PM



**Ginger Eklund** March 10 at 8:33 AM

Sweet Williams Family: You know our hearts for Devin - always. Thank you for sharing him with us; for opening your lives up to this family 'down the road' when the boys were just tykes. For being OK with them being either at your house, or ours. Encouraging them to stick together, through thick and thin...always looking out for one another. Whether it was in your garage or ours, being ok with those boys tearing apart, just to put back together again. How blessed we have been. And how remarkable for Chase and Devin to have had such deep care and love for one another... for so many years. It's a rare thing, these days. We have so many memories of Devin and how he was woven into our family.. and we will have to lean into them, often, to heal our hearts. Devin is in our fiber, now. That won't unravel, and we are thankful for it. We praise God for the eternal love that will just continue in the new home Devin is in now and for us, remaining behind. Ginger, Paul, and Chase



**V. Eric W. May, Sr.** March 9 at 8:06 AM

DeeDee and Vern--He was not here long enough, but his impact will last forever. He left behind people who will always love and miss him. He left a son who must rely on those who remain to help him remember his father and to guide him toward becoming the kind of man Devin would have wanted. Eric and Sharon May



**Dianna Williams** March 7 at 6:48 PM

Thank you all for the beautiful sentiments, and I give all the glory to God who kept us as a family together and who will continue to keep us as we adjust to our loved one gone home.



**Ms. Marilyn M. Williams** March 7 at 5:31 PM

Dianna - What a Beautiful Picture of You & Devin. You raised a Champ who Loved and Respected you and who was Loved and Respected by all. I Pray your Peace in the Days, Weeks, & Years ahead as you look back and reflect on what God gave you the Strength and Joy to accomplish in such a short time. Only the LORD and a VIRTIOUS WOMAN could have accomplished this with such success. Remember to Look to the Hills from where your Strength will continue to come from. God does not take you to anything He can't take you through. Hold your Head High and continue to walk in your Faith with your Hand in God's Hand!



**Shana David** March 7 at 5:21 PM

I have no words that could tell what is in my heart this moment. Dianna, thank you for the gift of Devin. He came into my son's life (your other son) when fitting in and finding his way was very difficult. He and Steph always kept us laughing and their friendship for me was an answer to my prayers. Just like anyone who knew Devin, I loved him SO. Devin had such a servant's heart and



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was always humble and kind. He had such a gift that could put anyone at ease. Rob and I were so proud when we took our car into his job for service and EVERYONE spoke so well of him. Know that you and your family are in our prayers and that from one mother who loves her son to another...know that I am praying continually for you asking God to give you total peace and grace to breath and walk through this journey. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything. May Gods hand keep and guide you.Love,the David family (Steph's mom)



**Dianna Williams** March 7 at 1:55 PM  
These were my Favorite Mommie-Son riding days!



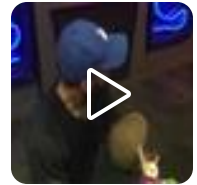
**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Williams family.

March 7 at 12:55 PM



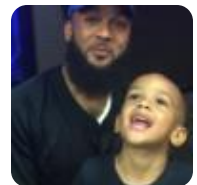
**Vern** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

March 7 at 9:46 AM



**Vern** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 7 at 9:41 AM



**Vern** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 7 at 9:37 AM





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**Vern** posted:

I would like to express my love and gratitude to Devin's stepmother (Jayne Williams) and her parents (Ben and Betty Fortner) for all of the love and support they provided to Devin during his time on this Earth. They loved his as if he were their own, and he loved them in return, and for that I will always be grateful. Vern

March 7 at 7:17 AM



**Jayne Williams** March 12 at 10:17 AM

Thank you, Vern, for sharing your son's life with me. He was (and will always be) my bonus son. We all have such great and treasured memories. I will forever be grateful for Devin's kind, gentle, goofy, smart, and generous soul. He will remain a light and reminder of love. Jayne

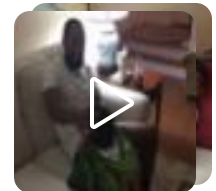


**Betty Fortner** March 7 at 8:44 AM

Thank you Vern....Devin was a very special person in our lives. He will be greatly missed. I don't know who will keep "Old Fart's" red truck going. When he and Chase would come to help break down our quilt booths with such zest, and help hang the high stuff in our home when we moved over here. He was just so special!!!! We are going to miss his special way and that infectious smile and laugh! May the Lord give you and your family that peace that pass all understanding.



**Dad** shared a photo and a video to the **Memories Album** album.



March 7 at 5:45 AM



**Anna Marie Falzo** posted:

Every now and then Devin would just stop by, usually with the most recent car or truck that he had been working on, to show off his new work of art. He was an artist in a sense when it came to motors, cars and trucks. He paid attention to detail and was proud of his work, as he should have been. Often, his co pilot was Jaden and they'd stay for just awhile. He would somehow entertain Jaden, with the patience of a good father, and still have an adult visit with Vern and me. They came for a visit one day when it was super hot out, so I offered them some fruit. I can still see his smile when he answered .... who can say no to fruit ma'am. ..Sure....He was a fine, hard working, gentle man, well mannered, respectful, sweet, smart and please let's not forget how handsome. He always made his dad proud and life without him will not be same. Gone to soon, may you Rest In Peace Devin.

March 7 at 4:56 AM



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**Libbie & Jerry Johnson** sent a Fairest of All to the Williams family.



March 6 at 4:50 PM



**Vern Williams** posted:

I saw him last on Saturday February 27th. He was so happy with his life. Little did either of know this would be our last face to face conversation. We talked about work, family, his future...his love of anything with an engine and 2 or more wheels...and of course his son Jaden. He loved his son more than life itself. Devin was such a wonderful son - smart, respectful, kind. I'll miss him so much! Thank you for sharing your life with me, Devin. You will always be in my heart!Dad

March 6 at 2:54 PM



# Media

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Ginger Eklund shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 11 at 2:44 PM





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Maurvella Rose Fuller shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 9 at 5:38 PM





December 22, 11:37 AM

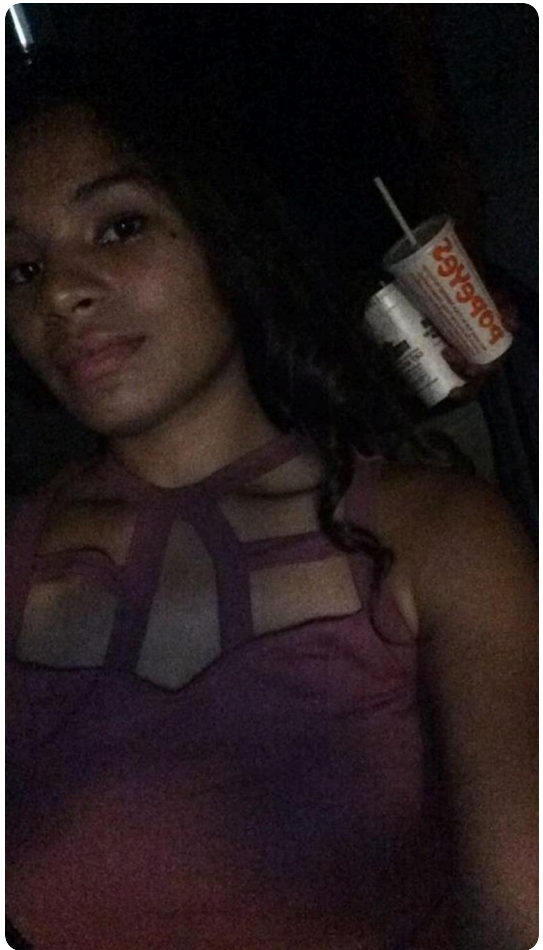
The voice of ancestors will stand out for you no matter the noise around your life. His word will speak for you no matter what the enemy is saying. You will surely be blessed. The gods will help, keep, uphold, sustain, protect, defend and exalt you and all yours. His hand will be around you for good. The enemy will not swallow your glory, you will not miss the best of the land, no one will steal what is rightfully yours and you will be happy forever . ASE

December 23, 2:56 AM

How is your spiritual life

December 31, 2:37 PM

it's ok





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MF





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Dad shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 8 at 6:19 AM



July, 2018 A memory to cherish



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Dianna Williams shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

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Devin was the Church drummer through High School and played with Mom



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My Favorite Mommie-Son days!



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August, 2017



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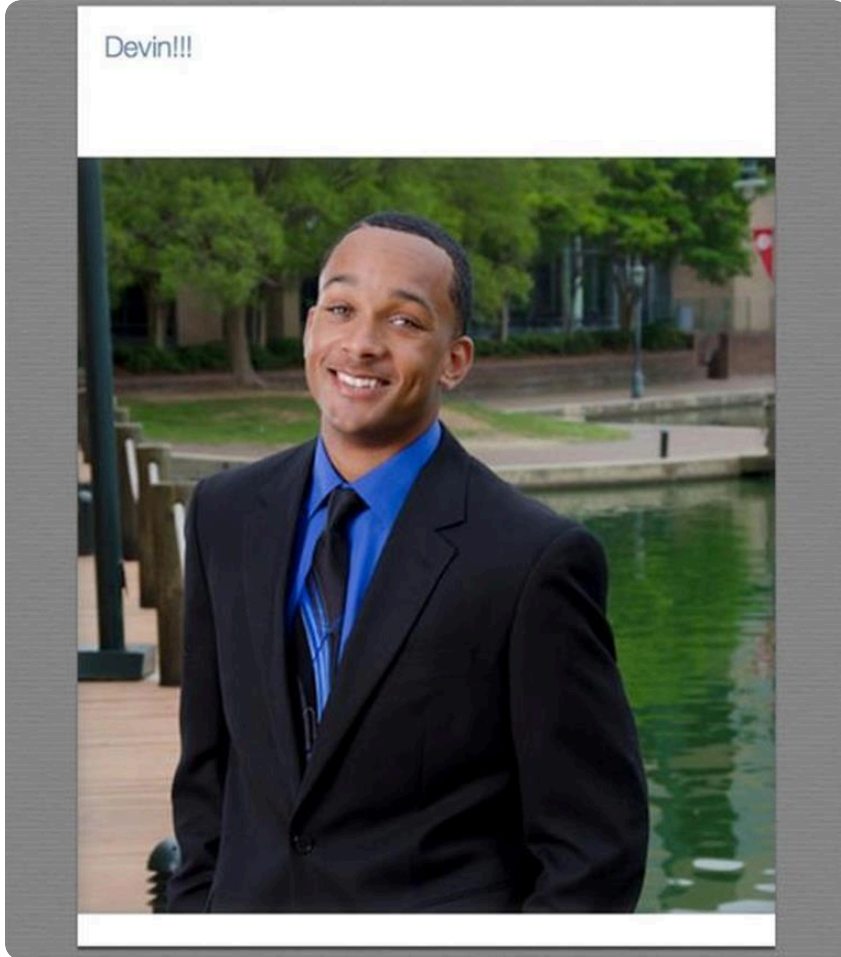
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May, 2012



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Devin and Jaden



Devin and Jaden



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Devin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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