



## Roger Edward Banko

September 13, 1968 - June 10, 2018

Roger Edward Banko, 49, died on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at the University of Maryland Shore Health Center at Easton, MD.

He was born on September 13, 1968, in Mt. Pleasant, PA, the son of the late Walter and Elizabeth Kapura Banko.

Roger graduated from California University of PA with his Bachelor of Science degree in 1991, and his Master's degree in education in 1992. Roger was a proud and active member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, formerly serving as president. He was also president of the student council at California University.

He married the former Sandy Boone on June 29, 1996, and they made their home in Easton before moving to Preston, MD, in 2000. He was previously employed with Talbot County Public Schools as a teacher and then hired by Caroline County Public Schools on the administrative level. During his tenure with CCPS, he served as Vice Principal of Denton, Federalsburg, and Ridgely elementary schools. He was then appointed Principal of Ridgely Elementary and returned to Denton Elementary this school year.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA, Easton, MD. He served in various areas.

Roger is survived by his wife, Sandy Banko of Preston; children, Christopher, Jeanette and Daniel; brothers, Donald Banko (Saundra) of Connellsville, PA, and Walter Banko (Linda) of The Villages, FL; and sisters-in law, Marilyn Banko of Dickerson Run, PA and Denise Banko Antley of Cape Coral Florida.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Gregory Banko and James Banko.

Friends may call on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, from 6-8 PM, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD. Services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 461, c/o Scout Leader Steve Conrad, 23935 Richardson Rd., Preston, MD 21655, or Grace Lutheran Church, c/o Lutheran Youth Organization or Mar-Lu Ridge Retreat Center, 111 Brookletts Ave., Easton, MD 21601.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Edward Banko*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Roger Edward Banko*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Roger Edward Banko*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Banko was my son's principal from 1st grade through 5th grade. We were very sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



**Bonnie Gallagher** - June 22, 2018 at 12:18 AM



“ *I met Roger somewhere around a decade ago or more at DES, While he was vice principal and was so happy to have him back as our principal. He was a standup guy! We talked hunting, we talked fishing, we talked music, we talked Pennsylvania. We just talked! I will miss those talks and everyone who knows him will miss that. Prayers to your family Roger you will be missed. Allen Stevenosky*

**Allen Stevenosky** - June 20, 2018 at 08:11 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Banko was an awesome administrator that others looked up to and wanted to make proud. The kids in his care loved him as well. My nephew was enjoying activities with Mr. Banko this year at Denton as did other students from Ridgely. His smile, kind words, support and passion for education will be sorely missed. Keep watch over all of us, Mr. Banko!! Your students need your guidance and your teachers need your support. Rest easy my friend.*

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**Julie Bilbrough-Pechin** - June 20, 2018 at 07:19 PM



“ *I met Roger through the 4H Archery program. Roger was an amazing coach and model for our kids in the program. I looked very forward to spending time and talking with Roger. I will miss our talks.*

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**Brian Zdunowski** - June 20, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Roger Edward Banko.*



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June 20, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Roger Edward Banko.*



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June 20, 2018 at 01:29 AM

GC

“ *Geraldine Caraballo lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Geraldine Caraballo** - June 19, 2018 at 04:57 PM

GC

“ *TROOPS TO TEACHERS Join me in the Celebration of Life of Mr. Banko. He hired a Retired Disabled Veteran because he believed in me and Supported my work...My prayers are with his Family and those of us whose lives he impacted. .MAY GOD BLESS AND HOLD YOU IN THE PLAN OF HIS HANDS...*

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**Geraldine Caraballo** - June 19, 2018 at 04:49 PM

JH

“ *My family first met Mr. Banko as the assitant principal at Denton Elementary. We had our birth state in common as well as children in the public school system. I was so happy to hear that he was given Denton for this school year. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. I pray that you feel the arms of Jesus holding you up as you take one step at a time. Jody, Tim, Kenneth & Glenn Herb*



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**Jody Herb** - June 19, 2018 at 01:33 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Wilson-King lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Kathy Wilson-King** - June 18, 2018 at 12:56 PM

JD

“ *I grew up with Roger and he was the same then as many people described him today. When he was around you knew that you were going to laugh. You also knew that he would stand up for what was right, even if it wasn't popular. These qualities helped make him the great administrator that he was.*

*I pray for his family in this difficult time.*

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**Joe Dolney** - June 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM

AB

“ *Aaron, Marcy & Lexi Blazajak lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Aaron, Marcy & Lexi Blazajak** - June 17, 2018 at 01:17 PM

TH

“ *Tina And Jay Hyde lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Tina and Jay Hyde** - June 17, 2018 at 10:35 AM

JB

“ *Judy&Don Van Bourgondien lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Judy&Don Van Bourgondien** - June 17, 2018 at 08:07 AM

DS

“ *As a teacher and Music substitute under Roger Banko in several CC schools, I had the highest respect for him and always appreciated his positive encouragement, compliments and support. He was the very best and the school staff, students and his family and friends have a great loss. We are praying for all who are grieving. Roger personally knew God and served Him and others. We will see him in eternity. ❤️ Continue to pray for his family.*

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**Dawn Steward** - June 16, 2018 at 11:41 PM

JH

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Rogers passing. I knew Roger from Phi Kappa Theta, at California University. He was one of the nicest, most responsible guys I have ever met. God bless your family during this difficult time. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jessica Hotaling** - June 16, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Edward Banko.*



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June 16, 2018 at 12:08 PM

HR

“ Howard And Johann Reardon lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Howard and Johann Reardon - June 16, 2018 at 10:47 AM

Melissa Bryan

“ All three of my children had the honor to have had Mr. Banko as a Principal or Vice Principal. He was always very kind and understanding with all of them. The school system was better for having him. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. RIP.



Melissa Bryan - June 15, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Edward Banko.



June 15, 2018 at 11:18 PM

KA

“ Katherine, Brice, Sam And Natalie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko




Katherine, Brice, Sam and Natalie Arnold - June 15, 2018 at 09:35 PM

KA

*and Brice. We will all miss Roger. The world needs more people like him. A class act, all the way around. Thoughts and prayers, love and support to Sandy, Chris, Jeanette, and Daniel*

**Katherine, Brice, Sam and Natalie Arnold** - June 15, 2018 at 09:39 PM

 Katie Thomason

“ *Prayers to Rodger's family. He was a true leader to staff, champion for children, and loved by all.*

**Katie Thomason** - June 15, 2018 at 08:52 PM

CJ

“ *Sandy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathies, Pat and Carolyn Johnson*

**carolyn johnson** - June 15, 2018 at 07:43 PM

EH

“ *To the family of Mr. Banko I am sending you thoughts, prayers, love, and hugs your way. I'm a student at Denton Elementary School where Mr Banko will be truly missed. To his family I'm sorry for your loss and I am thinking about you all. God bless you.*



**Eion Hughes** - June 15, 2018 at 05:18 PM

CM

“ Miss Boone was my fourth grade teacher at White Marsh Elementary, and then Mr. Banko was my fifth grade teacher. They were by far my favorite teachers I ever had, and they inspired me to become a teacher myself. I have many fond memories of my fifth grade year: from our class carrying a giant Steelers flag down the hall on the way to lunch, to a biography project where we got to dress up like the person we researched, to classroom reading competitions. There was a fun rivalry with Mr. Fisher's class too that was always hilarious. Mr. Banko touched so many lives and was an incredible person.

Catherine Smith McGowan - June 15, 2018 at 04:55 PM

CS

“ We have lost a wonderful educator and friend. Our daughter was in Roger's class at White Marsh, and he was one of her all-time favorite teachers. She is now a professor teaching calculus, so he did a good job fostering her love of math, as well as many other subjects. He made learning fun and important. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and their children. The world needs more people like Roger Banko!  
In deepest sympathy,  
The John Sewell Family  
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cathy sewell - June 15, 2018 at 04:10 PM

LG

“ RIP UNCLE ROGER...SHS '86 WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE USS BANKO. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY



Laura Greene - June 15, 2018 at 04:07 PM

MA

“ *He will be missed by so many. Our condolences to Sandy and the family.*  
~Marilou and Mike



MarilouandMike - June 15, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Edward Banko.*



June 15, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *Kristin Blaney lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Kristin Blaney - June 15, 2018 at 12:58 PM

BF

“ *Sandy and Children, our hearts are broken with yours. We loved Roger as we love all of you and we cry for you under the shock of his completely unexpected death. It is a loss to everyone who knew him, adults as well as children, but most of all to you. Our hearts are wrapped around you as you walk through these days and we pray you will have all the comfort from the Lord Jesus Christ and support of family and friends we were blessed with in our loss.*

*How we wish we could be there to weep with you and hold you. Everyone who knows you is praying for you with all the understanding they possess. My heart is reaching out to you as I type this message and I pray you can feel some of the love we have for each of you, Sandy, Chris, Jeannette, and Daniel.*

*In deepest sympathy...*  
*Beth & Doug*

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**Beth Fisher** - June 15, 2018 at 10:54 AM

KT

“ *Kathy & Clay Tull lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Kathy & Clay Tull** - June 15, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KA

*Thinking of your family at this time .*

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**Kathy** - June 15, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *When I first met Roger he was a new teacher at White Marsh Elementary School. He had so much energy and enthusiasm for his job and was so good with the kids. As a new teacher he was always willing to learn and keep getting better. I loved working with him and we had many fun times of working with the kids and kidding each other! He had a great sense of humor. I was so happy when he and Sandy married and they started their new life together! I am so sorry that so many children will not have the benefit of his guidance and leadership. I pray that Sandy and his children find peace in their memories, although I know there will be a hole in their heart that will never mend. God bless Roger and his family.*

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**Jan Greenhaw** - June 15, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Valarie Robbins lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Valarie Robbins** - June 15, 2018 at 07:14 AM



“ *Kristen Ridgell lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Kristen Ridgell** - June 15, 2018 at 06:15 AM

CH

“ *Cathy Hurley lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Cathy Hurley - June 15, 2018 at 12:24 AM

LR

“ *Thank you Mr.Banko for being a wonderful role model you will be missed.  
Lisa Good (grandmother) Dylan Rostien LMS student, Morgan Rostien DES student*



Lisa Good, Dylan Rostien, & Morgan Rosti - June 14, 2018 at 10:52 PM

DC

“ *Debra E. Coursey lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Debra E. Coursey - June 14, 2018 at 10:39 PM

ED

“ *Ellen Dickson lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Ellen Dickson - June 14, 2018 at 10:31 PM

ED

*So very sorry to hear of Roger's passing. Sending thoughts, prayers and hugs to his lovely family*

Ellen Dickson - June 14, 2018 at 10:32 PM

KB

“ *Kayla Boud lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Kayla Boud - June 14, 2018 at 10:08 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Good lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Sherry Good - June 14, 2018 at 10:04 PM

JC

“ *Johnny And Diana Cohee lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



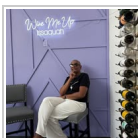
Johnny and Diana Cohee - June 14, 2018 at 10:03 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mueller lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



**Kathy mueller** - June 14, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ *Pam Gates lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



**Pam Gates** - June 14, 2018 at 09:26 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Banko was an amazing man. He was a leader and role model in so many ways. Each day he made my students and I feel successful. He was genuine and kind and always there to listen. We will surely miss him.*



**Julia Cook** - June 14, 2018 at 09:24 PM

CD

“ *Chuck & Amanda Dean lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



**Chuck & Amanda Dean** - June 14, 2018 at 08:46 PM

SF

“ Prayers to the family! W



Sartwell Family - June 14, 2018 at 07:56 PM

CT

“ I worked with Mr. Banko at DES years ago. He was kind, genuine, approachable and cared about the children in his school and his staff. In my opinion Roger exemplified the perfect administrator. He had a wonderful sense of humor and could relate to the children. He touched many lives...my sincerest condolences to his family.

Charlene Thomas - June 14, 2018 at 06:17 PM

CT

“ Charlene Thomas lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Charlene Thomas - June 14, 2018 at 06:08 PM

JL

“ Janis Lester lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Janis Lester - June 14, 2018 at 06:06 PM

LW

“ Sending loving prayers.



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**lisa Walters** - June 14, 2018 at 05:24 PM

SW

“ Sharon L Wrightson lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



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**Sharon L Wrightson** - June 14, 2018 at 05:22 PM

SW

*I had the honor of working with Mr. Banko this past school year. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.*

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**Sharon L Wrightson** - June 14, 2018 at 05:24 PM

RF

“ We are praying for you all during this very difficult time. If you need anything you know how to contact me.



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**Rev. Shane Dickinson and family** - June 14, 2018 at 05:19 PM

BC

“ *Barb Callahan lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Barb Callahan - June 14, 2018 at 04:01 PM

BC

*I worked with Roger years ago at Denton Elementary and will always remember his fabulous sense of humor. He was a great sport (wearing his "Ravens" purple dress shirt with his Steelers tie on Purple Fridays). My favorite memory of Roger is when he dressed as Little Bo Peep for the Book Character Parade--he wore that dress with pride!*

Barb Callahan - June 14, 2018 at 04:05 PM

PC

“ *Peter & Melissa Corbin lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



Peter & Melissa Corbin - June 14, 2018 at 02:59 PM

CH

“ *we are sorry for the Banko family loss prayers are with you.  
DES Student Jacob Hubbard and Family*



Cohee Family, And Jacob Hubbard - June 14, 2018 at 02:37 PM

DB

“ Dale And Tina Brown lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Dale and Tina Brown - June 14, 2018 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ Sheila Davis lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Sheila Davis - June 14, 2018 at 02:26 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sprouse lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



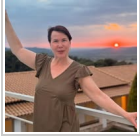
Beverly Sprouse - June 14, 2018 at 01:36 PM

LL

“ Linda & Robin Lyons lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



Linda & Robin Lyons - June 14, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *Alla Rada lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Alla Rada** - June 14, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Laurie Hannegan lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Laurie Hannegan** - June 14, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Judy And Don VanBourgondien lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Judy and Don VanBourgondien** - June 14, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *St. Paul's Lutheran Church lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** - June 14, 2018 at 11:32 AM

CW

“ Craig & Laura Walters lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



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**Craig & Laura Walters** - June 14, 2018 at 10:24 AM

JY

“ To Sandy and children:  
Roger and I are first cousins. His mother and my mother were sisters. I remember Roger growing up and then life happened, he went to college, got married and had his children. Many fond memories of those childhood days. The last two times I saw Roger, he asked me to start the family reunions again. He sounded disappointed that it never happened. Roger loved his family. He treasured his heritage and was proud of it, evidenced by the fact that he always came home for St. Joseph's festival. My prayers for you and your family are that God gives you strength in the coming weeks and months. May God grant Roger eternal rest and peace.

Jo Ann Yesho

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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**Jo Ann Yesho** - June 14, 2018 at 09:43 AM

DC

“ Darrin And Lisa Carroll lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko



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**Darrin and Lisa Carroll** - June 13, 2018 at 09:46 PM

KS

“ *Kristy Schuyler lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Kristy schuyler** - June 13, 2018 at 08:32 PM

KS

“ *Mr banko was at res when I was a custodian there. He always had faith in me. Even when I had pull doubles. He was 1 amazing person. Always had a smile on his face. Gonna be truly missed.. I'll never forget in cafeteria he play I spy with the kids before there lunches was over. My heart thoughts n prayers go out to his wife kids and family*

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**Kristy schuyler** - June 13, 2018 at 08:31 PM

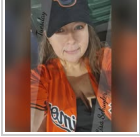
KD

“ *One of the many people who helped me be who I am today. Always a friendly smile and asking how you were, he wasn't just a teacher or an administrator....he was a friend you could trust as a student or a parent & you always knew he had your best interests in mind. His live for his family and his many students will always be inspiring. Much love and many thoughts to Sandy, Christopher, Jeanette and Daniel.*



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**Kari Diefenderfer** - June 13, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Mr Banko will be missed. My son loved him as his principal at DES. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family :(*



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**Lisa Schuyler** - June 13, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ *Roger was a true gentleman and good friend. Our time together in fraternity life and student government at CalU has always been a treasured memory. Prayers for Roger, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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**Barry Niccolai** - June 13, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ *Beverly Altvater lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Beverly Altvater** - June 13, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ *Integrity, humility and strength are the words that immediately come to mind. It has been decades since I last spoke with Roger. Knowing the man he was, I'm confident he only improved with time. Our family is praying for the Bank Family*

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**Matthew Neff** - June 13, 2018 at 05:50 PM



*Banko Family*

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**Matthew Neff** - June 13, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ *Pattie Conrad Murphy lit a candle in memory of Roger Edward Banko*



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**Pattie Conrad Murphy** - June 13, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ *A true stand up guy with a great sense of humor!*

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**Dean Hughes** - June 13, 2018 at 01:10 PM