



## Howell Horton

June 8, 1938 - September 6, 2023

Funeral services for Howell Horton will be conducted Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11 AM in Williams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Hopewell Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Howell Horton, age 85, of Milledgeville, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on September 6th, 2023. He fought a long hard battle with lung cancer for the past 2 years, refusing to give up. He was born in Washington County, Ga, on June 8, 1938, to parents Lynwood and Julia Horton of Davisboro. Howell is preceded in death by his parents and sister June Sedgewick of Valdosta. He is survived by sisters Charlotte Prosser Welch and Lynda (Frank) Garbutt all of Sandersville.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 60 years, Angeline Horton. He is also survived by children, Kenny (Ana) Horton of Dallas, GA, Jeffrey (Cindy) Horton of Statesboro Ga, and Amy (John) Mosely of Milledgeville. Grandchildren Include Isabella and Chandler Horton, Jacob, Jarod, Caylee and Chloe Horton, and Dalton, Nick, Hailey, John Ashton and Jackson Mosely.

Howell was a friend to many and well known in the community. He was a Barber in downtown Milledgeville for 60 years and also served as a school

bus driver for 40 years. In his professions, he came to know many generations of local families and always had “words of wisdom” to share. His sayings were epic, his story’s were legendary and his tales and jokes were outrageous. He was affectionately known as “Rabbit” or “Rabbit Dust” by all that knew and loved him.

He attended Mosleyville Baptist Church of Milledgeville for many years and later became a member of Hopewell Methodist Church of Milledgeville, where he served on the cemetery committee and enjoyed fellowship with the Hopewell Men’s Club.

We’d like to recognize the employees of Family Hospice. Thank you for your support and guidance.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hopewell Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Methodist Church Cemetery

188 Hopewell Church Rd NW  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
[staff@williamsfuneralhome.net](mailto:staff@williamsfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

## Funeral Service

SEP **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Howell Horton



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 11, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DV

“ Angie and Family , We are sorry , he is a good man and good barber



Dr. Virgilio and Linda Valdecanas - September 15, 2023 at 11:22 AM

CS

“ I will be 77 in December; Howell first cut my hair at Mercer's Barber Shop while just a young man in his early 20's - he was in an apprenticeship program with Bob Mercer and at the same time was temporarily replacing Homer Wooten who was out with medical issues. I have known countless people in my life and can say that without any doubt I have never heard a single negative thing about Howell; he left a positive charge in the heart of every soul that he encountered! He reminds me of the man in the Samuel Walter Foss poem, "The House by the Side of the Road" because Howell Horton was truly "a friend to man". I praise the Lord Jesus that I was blessed to know this man for the better part of my life and that he counted me as a friend. He was the very last of the "old time" barbers of Milledgeville - with his entry into our Lord's Heavenly Kingdom we have witnessed the passing of an age.

Carroll Smith - September 12, 2023 at 08:21 AM

BW

I have known Howell Horton through my papa, my husband & brothers my whole life. He indeed was a fine upstanding man, husband, father & friend. He is greatly missed now and for times to come! Such a sad time of never seeing him in the flesh again yet knowing that we all will meet again in our heavenly bodies, hallelujah!!!  
Angie, Amy, Kenny, & Jeffrey you will continue to be in my prayers and my heart feels your pain but his memories with you all will never fade!

Love to each of you,  
Boni Watkins

Boni Watkins - September 12, 2023 at 10:27 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at JMG. 🙏❤️🙏



Luther Minor - September 12, 2023 at 08:12 AM

EB

“ *Eric Buckley lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Eric Buckley** - September 11, 2023 at 05:03 PM

WJ

“ *Wright Banks, lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Wright Banks, Jr.** - September 11, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JS

“ *Kenny Horton and Family*

*“I didn’t have the pleasure of knowing your dad, but I’m sure he was a special person because he raised an amazing human being. Wishing you and your family peace and comfort during this unimaginable time.”*

*Jimmy and Ida Slocum*

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**Jimmy Slocum** - September 11, 2023 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ *Mr. Horton will always be one of my fondest memories of childhood and teen years in Milledgeville! I loved the “Barber Shop” and the colorful talk I heard there. Jeff and family, I offer my prayers for your peace, comfort and healing. What a legacy he left you and our hometown! - Tim Feathers*

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**tim feathers** - September 11, 2023 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family and many prayers that you all find comforting love through God and friends. Howell did not lack for friends. He was well known and loved by all. There are so many memories, I wouldn't know where to begin.*  
*Todd and Jill Blackwell*



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**Jill Blackwell** - September 10, 2023 at 09:40 PM

GH

“ *Condolences from Gregory & Allison Howell*

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**Gregory Howell** - September 10, 2023 at 12:16 PM

DO

“ *Donna Oxford lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Donna Batson Oxford** - September 10, 2023 at 11:07 AM

GK

“ We are saddened by Mr Horton's passing but so thankful for no more suffering. Please accept our sincere condolences and know we are praying for comfort in the days to come. May your sweet memories fill your broken hearts.

Gwen & Terry Kight (Aunt YeeYee & Uncle Terry)  
Musella, GA

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**Gwen Kight** - September 10, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MH

“ Howell will truly be missed. He was so good with my son from the time he was a toddler. He was so funny every time we went in his barbershop! RIP my friend

Amy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your Mom and family! Love to you all!

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**Martha Howell** - September 10, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MH

“ Martha Howell lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



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**Martha Howell** - September 10, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KF

“ Mrs. Angeline and Family Please know you are in our hearts and prayers. We all have been richly blessed to have Howell in our lives. Papa Kenneth Kenny and i came to Howell a little later than most but on the way back home we couldnt stop laughing and were friends and customers from then on! Howell knew everybody and treated all like family and old cherished friends. and oh boy did he ever have good advice stories to tell and brought back many memories from my own childhood with the stories of people papa knew. Most importantly he knew the Good Lord and where his blessings came from and shared that with us all. Mrs. Angeline, he loved you and all his family so much and never missed an opportunity to share that as well! We know that Howell is walking with Jesus and catching up with all his friends that have gone home before him. We'll be looking for that barber pole when we get home too, Mr. Howell! In Christ's Love ! ken mills and family

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**ken mills and family** - September 10, 2023 at 01:19 AM

JT

“ Rabbit cut my hair 40ish years, he was a Legend that can never be replaced & will be missed by so many, R.I.P. friend  
Jimmy Thigpen

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**Jimmy Thigpen** - September 09, 2023 at 09:34 AM

TA

“ Fair winds and following seas, Mr. Horton. My condolences to the family.



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**Tommy acott** - September 08, 2023 at 11:00 PM

AD

“ Angie, Amy, and all of the family, we send our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Howell was a dear and close friend who will be missed beyond measure. Clark and I cherish the good times spent together and the memories created over the years. May you find peace in this difficult time knowing he will be sorely missed by so many. Rest In Peace Howell. We love you.  
Arlene and Clark Downer



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**Arlene Downer** - September 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM

GH

“ Always so glad to see “Rabbit Dust” because you knew you were in for a good laugh. Condolences to his family, especially Lynda Garbutt, his sister and my dear friend

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**Gerri F. Hudson** - September 08, 2023 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ Great barber along with Bob Mercer!

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**Joseph Sansotta** - September 08, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Luther and Berta and Friends at JMG. 🙏❤️🙏



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**Luther Minor** - September 08, 2023 at 04:22 PM

WN

“ Angie, Amy and the other family members we are saddened to hear of Howell's passing. Please know that each and everyone of you are in our thoughts and prayers. He will surely be missed by many of his forever friends.

WB & Imogene NeSmith - September 08, 2023 at 03:33 PM

DH

“ David Joyce Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



David and Joyce Hunnicutt - September 08, 2023 at 03:27 PM

LF

“ Lamar and Flo Franks lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



Lamar and Floyetta Franks - September 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM

KB

“ Mr. Howell is the only person I ever remember cutting my daddy's hair. When Daddy was sick in hospice at home Mr. Howell came to his house to cut his hair when I called him. I appreciated that so much and will never forget him for it. Rest easy dear man and I know Daddy is glad to see you so he can get a good haircut!

Kim Barnes Burgamy - September 08, 2023 at 02:36 PM

TP

“ Howell first cut my hair when I was a 14 year old youngster. I have driven from Columbus, GA to Milledgeville for the past 43 years to have Howell continue cutting my hair. That's how much I appreciated the haircut and the visit. Howell gave me a few Peas to plant the last time I was in for a trim. I'm saving some for planting next year. In the years ahead, I'll remember him as I plant and at each meal when I enjoy my "Howell Peas." Rest well my friend, you have left a footprint in my heart.



Thomas Peavy - September 08, 2023 at 02:07 PM

AS

“ Angie and family: we are so sorry for your loss. He was such a great guy. Our community has lost a treasure. May you be comforted by knowing he was so loved and admired. Praying for each of you. We love y'all. Larry and Angela

Angela and Larry Spillers - September 08, 2023 at 12:43 PM

DT

“ Mr. Horton was truly one of a kind. He was kind and friendly and never met a stranger. He will truly be missed by our community! Rest in peace!

Deborah Tapley - September 08, 2023 at 12:19 PM

MH

“ He always made me smile. We always called him a card. Love him. Mary Frances and Johnathen Hatchett

Mary Frances Hatchett - September 08, 2023 at 12:14 PM

PV

“ *My condolences to Mr. Horton’s family and friends.*



**Pamela Verbel** - September 08, 2023 at 11:56 AM

MS

“ *Mona Spear lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



**Mona Spear** - September 08, 2023 at 10:50 AM

JL

“ *JoAnn Lavender lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



**JoAnn Lavender** - September 08, 2023 at 10:48 AM

JF

“ *Jason Foskey lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



**Jason Foskey** - September 08, 2023 at 10:11 AM

PK

“ *Patricia Kitchens lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Patricia Kitchens** - September 08, 2023 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ *Mark Bailey lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Mark Bailey** - September 08, 2023 at 09:59 AM

AC

“ *Jay and Scott--sorry for your loss of your Uncle. He cut my hair for many years in Milledgeville and always had some great stories to tell. Super nice guy and I know he will be missed. Al Cason*

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**Al Cason** - September 08, 2023 at 08:56 AM

LS

“ *Linda Sloan lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Linda Sloan** - September 08, 2023 at 08:41 AM

KB

“ *Angie and family*

*I was so sorry to here of Mr. Howell's passing he was truly a great man. I always loved when he came by the office to see you Ms. Angie he always have love in his heart when he saw you and he always had a good joke to share. I know my Daddy was the first in line when he got to heaven wanting a haircut. We love you and we are praying for the family.  
Love Kim Byrd*



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**Kimberly K Byrd** - September 08, 2023 at 08:34 AM

LD

*Angie and family. Heaven truly has gained an angel of a man. He was always so cheerful and will always be remembered very fondly. Treasure each other and your memories. Will love,  
Bahman & Linda*

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**Linda Daneshvar** - September 08, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DJ

*My memories of Mr. Howell Horton go back to the years I waited tables and served him at the Cornbread Cafe. Boy was he a card...Always had a smile*

*On his face and a joke to tell. We, employees, customers, "regulars" and owners (Clark & Arlene Downer) were a big family. We laughed and shared our everyday life. Horton, as he was affectionately called by his fellow "regulars"..was on of the best in my memories. He was forever joking about shaving legs. Under the counter, at the register was a child's small plastic bat...It was used to kindly put the regulars back in line...all done with a huge smile and lots of laughs. One day, Horton came in around the time that breakfast slips over to lunch in the restaurant world. Memories fade after awhile, but I'm fairly certain he said something about shaving legs. This was a running joke, so I pulled that little plastic bat out and making a huge deal over it.. well, before it was over I hit him on his big toe..bless his heart...as he said Girl..that was my gout toe. I was mortified and confessed my sorrow.. and from that point on I would threaten to hit him on his gout toe...The laughter that always followed are some of my best memories.*

*I know how painful it is to lose someone you love and pray that his family and friends are comforted by the love and prayers that all of our memories send you. ❤️🙏.*

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**Donna T. Jones** - September 10, 2023 at 12:50 AM

SI

*“ RIP, Mr. Howell! Thank you for being such a good friend to so many including my Uncle Jesse. I know you two are reunited in heaven and telling stories.*

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**Steve and Judy Prosser Ivey** - September 08, 2023 at 06:33 AM

SP

“ Uncle Howell was a buddy to me. Every Christmas when I was a child, we would all have the most fun with him and my Papa’s comedy cutup’s. Some of my very best holidays with Him and my Aunt and first cousin.

*You are great guy!*

*Love You,  
Steven Prosser*

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**Steven Prosser** - September 08, 2023 at 12:31 AM

FL

“ Angie and family so sorry for your loss, my breakfast buddy will be missed, he always kept us laughing , you never knew what he was gonna come up with next. He had some tall tails that he would come up with. Just know the family is in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Mr. Howell.



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**Fay Leverett** - September 07, 2023 at 09:46 PM

CY

“ Casey Judy Jackson Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



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**Casey & Judy Jackson Youngblood** - September 07, 2023 at 09:38 PM

WS

“ So sorry for your loss.  
*RIP Mr. Horton, you will be missed. Please know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers during the days ahead.*

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**William C Youngblood SR.** - September 07, 2023 at 09:37 PM

KB

“ *Howell was a good man. He and my Dad were good friends. When my Dad was sick Howell came to the house yo cut his hair. My prayers are with all of his family. May you feel God's live all around you at this very sad time.*

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**Kay Brown** - September 07, 2023 at 09:31 PM

RH

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, I THOUGHT OF HOWELL AS A MENTOR. I PRAY HE IS WITH OUR LORD NOW.*

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**RAY HARRIS** - September 07, 2023 at 08:56 PM

CN

“ *Mr. Horton cut my Dad's hair and my two nephews hair . I would seat an listed to his stories. He will be dearly missed. Your family will be in our prayers.*

*Carolyn, Kathy, Karen, Nick, Britt Nolan*

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**Carolyn Nolan** - September 07, 2023 at 08:52 PM



CI

“ *camilla ivey lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**camilla ivey** - September 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

FG

“ *I will miss my brother.He has left us with so many wonderful memories and funny tales.To know him was to love him and his humor.He will always be in my heart.Rest on peace.Lynda*

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**Frank and Lynda Garbutt** - September 07, 2023 at 07:48 PM

GH

*Thinking of you and the family. Always loved seeing Howell because you knew you were in for a laugh. Never forget seeing him at Kaolin Festival as I was strolling my triplet granddaughters. Ran up on Rabbit Dust and he looked at those babies in my triple deck stroller, then looked at me and said “what Happened.” I still laugh when I think about that.  
Love ya! Gerri*

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**Gerri F. Hudson** - September 08, 2023 at 08:26 PM

EC

“ *Edward Cowart lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Edward Cowart** - September 07, 2023 at 07:22 PM

PD

“ *Patsy Dalton lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton*



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**Patsy Dalton** - September 07, 2023 at 07:01 PM

MP

“ *I am so very proud to call Howell and Angie 2 of my very best friends. I loved the way Howell and Angie completed each other as a couple. They are 2 of the very best people I have ever known. They were the very best parents and enjoyed their children. They always helped anyone they could. Howell was a jointer but he was genuine as they come. I thank God I've had them in my life. I'll see you upstairs one day God love your soul!*

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**MaryBlizzard Phillips** - September 07, 2023 at 06:56 PM

AH

“ *Horton was one of the first people I met when I moved to Milledgeville. I was looking for a barber and found him. We stayed friends since that day. Angie and family, we are so sorry for your loss. So many of us are grieving also. He was a friend who will be sorely missed. I could always depend on him if I needed him. The barbershop is where I got most of my education and learned all of the jokes.*

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**Alan and Toni Hall** - September 07, 2023 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ James Snellgrove lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



James Snellgrove - September 07, 2023 at 06:40 PM

MS

“ Marie Spivey lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



Marie Spivey - September 07, 2023 at 06:39 PM

AW

“ Amie,Brian Cauy Wall lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



Amie,Brian and Cauy Wall - September 07, 2023 at 06:26 PM

JB

“ The world has lost a True Legend,I Loved Howell and he cut my hair for many years.Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time.Howell was a one of a kind, and one of the last Great Men, He may be gone now but he will never be forgotten! Heaven has one of our best now and we loved you Howell.... Jeff Brown and Family

Jeff Brown - September 07, 2023 at 06:16 PM

RM

“ Our condolences and prayers to Mr. Horton's family. May God, precious memories and love comfort you in this time of deepest sorrow. He will be missed.

Robert and Joan Miller - September 07, 2023 at 06:12 PM

JT

“ They broke da mold when they made Rabbit, he was one of a kind, he cut my hair for more than 40 years, the " compost" as he called it was knee deep when u walked n dat barbershop, he was a Legend & will b missed greatly by all who knew him, R.I.P. FRIEND, Jimmy Thigpen

Jimmy Thigpen - September 07, 2023 at 05:53 PM

SW

“ You were one of a kind my friend and the memories and Rabbit stories will live on forever,R.I.P. my friend💔

Scott Woodall - September 07, 2023 at 05:43 PM

KB

“ Sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers ❤️🙏 Mr Horton will be missed.

Karen and Kenny Babb - September 07, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Howell Horton



Carolyn Leverette-Searcy - September 07, 2023 at 05:28 PM

RE

“ Praying daily for the family. Mr. Horton was always happy and enjoyed everyone he met. He never met a stranger. He holds a special place in our hearts. He will be greatly missed.



Rickey and Brenda English - September 07, 2023 at 05:28 PM

BK

“ Ms Angie. I am so sorry to read about Mr Howell's passing. He sure was a sweet man. Always made you laugh when you talked to him. Bruce and I would see him at Bojangles a lot. He remembered cutting Bruce's hair when he was a little boy.

Bruce and Julie Knighton - September 07, 2023 at 05:26 PM

WM

our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. He had the best personality he was one of a kind.

Waylogene Holland Meyer - September 08, 2023 at 11:33 AM

SP

to the family of rabbit as we knew him we are so sorry for your lose yuo all are in our prayers sarah &johnny parker

sarah parker - September 08, 2023 at 07:46 PM



I walked in with two little boys for haircuts sat quietly waiting our turn and learned all I needed to learn about every subject under the sun. I'm just so sorry I missed the Friday night specials. God love that man. Angie he was such a special man. Prayers of comfort for you and your family.

Nora Wall - September 08, 2023 at 08:44 PM

CP

*This is an especially hard hitting passing for many.  
Lord bless you Howell.*

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**Chris Prosser** - September 09, 2023 at 08:39 PM