



FALLEN RAMS



In Loving Memory
of those who are
forever present in
our hearts.

LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good times shared,
and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy,
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a living, lasting, memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.

Author Unknown





Greetings ASU Alumni and Friends,

It is a pleasure to greet you on behalf of Albany State University National Alumni Association (ASU NAA). We are honored to take this opportunity to present a special tribute to our 2020 Fallen Rams. This has been a challenging year for so many individuals and families. Therefore, we hope this memorial tribute will brighten your day and provide some degree of comfort as you continue to embrace life without your beloved family member or friend. Even though they are no longer with us in the physical body, their precious memories will always be remembered by the ASU Rams Family.

ASU National Alumni Association remains as a vital organization that supports Albany State University and ASU Alumni. If we can be of further assistance to you or if you need additional information about the Association, do not hesitate to contact us. ASU Rams Forever!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'TaKeshia Thomas'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'TaKeshia' and last name 'Thomas' clearly visible.

TaKeshia Thomas
President

Joseph “Joe” Arnold, Jr.



Mr. Arnold attended Ballard Hudson High School in Macon, GA and then joined the U.S. Navy. Following his stint in the Navy, Joseph attended Albany State University where he became an honorary member of Doo-Phi-Doo, a fraternity of friends.

Always accepting of responsibility, he held a number of jobs with various companies before going on to enjoy a 30-year career at General Motors in Atlanta, Georgia and retired in 2008. He was an excellent dressmaker and tailor with a passion for fishing, cooking and the world of music he loved and shared with everyone who visited his home.

Gerald Wesley Burke

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Coach Burke played in the position of Quarterback for the Albany State Golden Rams Football Team and graduated with a B.A. in Sociology. He also attained a Masters Degree in Education from Georgia State University and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Troy State University. Gerald retired after 36 years of service in education in Colquitt County and surrounding Southwest Georgia School Systems.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Florence Louise Butts



Ms. Butts graduated from Albany State College in 1950 with a B.S. Degree in Education. Her achievements were many in the area of K-12 Education in Georgia. She earned a MS Degree In Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a (MS) in Instructional Supervision From New York University. She retired as Curriculum Director for Brooks County. Ms. Butts loved her family and had an academic scholarship established for future generations.

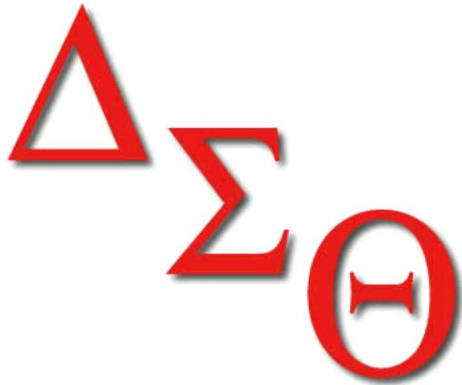
Wilbur B. Carver, Jr.



Mr. Carver graduated from Albany State College in 1967 with a B.S. Degree in Middle Grades Education in Mathematics and Science. He had a 40 year career in Education.

He was initiated into the Chi Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Dr. Germaine Cummings, M.D.



Dr. Cummings graduated Magna Cum Laude from Albany State University earning the Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology in 1994 and was a MARC Scholar. She was a 1999 graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga and completed her Family Practice Residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas in 2002. She completed her Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia in 2003. After working at Emory for two years she opened her own Family and Geriatric Practice in 2005 in Loganville, Georgia.

She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Donald E. DeVillars

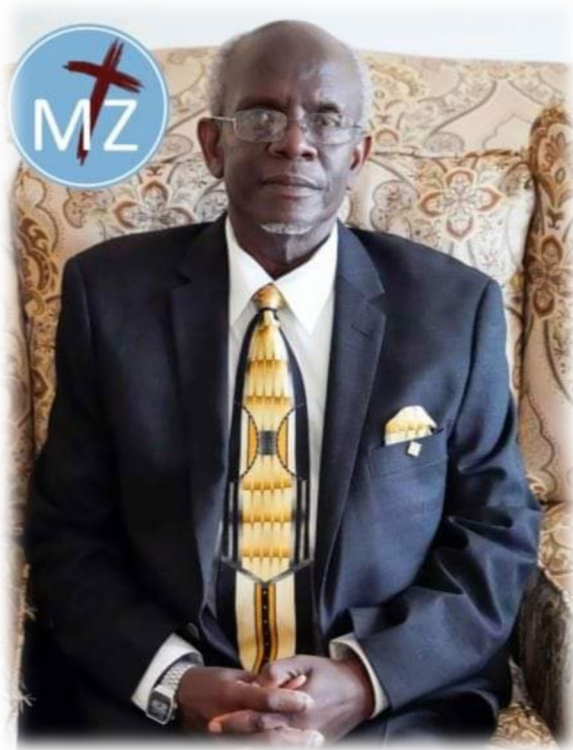
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Mr. DeVillars, a native of Darrien, GA graduated from Albany State College in 1968. He was married to Patricia Newton DeVillars and they have a son, Mario Christopher. He established his home and professional career in Baltimore, MD. No one could ask for a better friend.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Pastor Arthur J. Gass, Sr.



Pastor Gass was a member of the Albany State College Class of 1977. He and his wife, Anne, founded the Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County, IL in 2009 and he served as President and Chief Executive Officer. He served as pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Waukegan, IL for 33 years. He passed away on August 25, 2020.

Deacon Ralph Edgar Hardy

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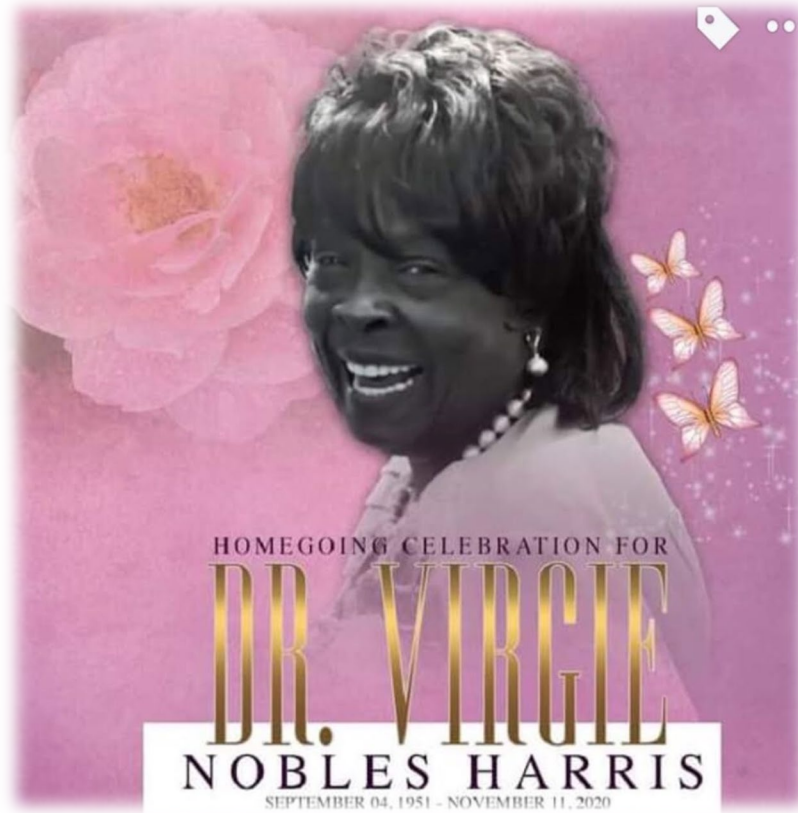
Deacon Hardy was the husband of Dr. Janice C. Hardy, President of the Albany Alumni Chapter. He was an Associate Member of the Albany Alumni Chapter as well as a member of the Paine College Alumni Association. He was the first college graduate in his family, went on to complete an Education Specialist Degree in Administration & Supervision, STAR Teacher Award, honored by Governor Sonny Purdue & Secretary of State, Kathy Cox as one of Georgia's High School Performing Principals. He was an active Deacon of the New Salem Baptist Church.

Beulah Clemons Harris



Mrs. Harris received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Education from Albany State College in 1962. She taught at Eastview Elementary School in Americus, GA as a second grade teacher for 17 years. She was then employed as a third grade teacher in the Lee County School System and was chosen as Third Grade Teacher of the Year in 1994. In 1996, she ended her teaching career after 33 years of service and then volunteered at Trinity Learning Institute/Daycare Center and in the Dougherty County Public School System.

Dr. Virgie Nobles Harris



Dr. Harris, a member of the Albany State College Class of '73, taught English at Northside High School in Warner Robins, GA before pursuing a Ph.D. and joining the faculty at Fort Valley State University, where she headed the Drama and Communications Department. She was a charter member of Sigma Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in Warner Robins, GA.

Esther Ruth Harvey

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The life of Mrs. Esther Ruth Harvey was a beautiful example of a life of faith in God and love for family; she was the church pianist and was active in Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union. She graduated from the Training School at Albany State College (now Albany State University); taught school in Buena Vista, Sandersville, GA, and the Training School at Albany State and ultimately, Thomasville, GA and made history there as the first African American teacher to integrate schools at East Side Elementary. She was a member of her beloved Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and a Life Member of the National Alumni Association of Albany State University where she was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame.

Rev. James Andrew Hazel



Rev. Hazel was born in Dougherty County, GA and graduated from Albany State College in 1962. He was licensed to preach the gospel on April 07, 1956 and pastored several congregations located in the 6th Episcopal District of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church before receiving a promotion to Presiding Elder. Also, he taught in the Dougherty County School System for more than 30 years. He was married to the late Mrs. Delores Simmons Hazel for 28 years.

Reuben Jenkins



Mr. Jenkins graduated from Albany State College in 1968 with a B. A. Degree in Early Childhood Education and earned a Master's Degree and Educational Specialist Degree from Valdosta State University. He began as a classroom teacher and went on to serve as the first black Principal and Superintendent in the Lowndes County School System where he was employed for 44 years.

He was a member of the Valdosta-Lowndes Alumni Chapter and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Danita M. Martin



Ms. Martin attended Albany State College from 1987 – 1994 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Musical Studies. A true fan of Albany State, she served as the Residential Advisor and was a member of the ASC Golden Rams Marching Band. ASC was a family tradition and Danita was honored to be a graduate of her beloved ASC.

George McKibben



Mr. McKibben, a member of the Albany State College Class of '67, passed away on April 7, 2020, from COVID and its complications. He was one of the first Black Educators in the Clayton County School System. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and a further retiree of MARTA.

Felicia Calhoun Meadows



Ms. Meadows received a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree in 1977. She participated in the Cooperative Education Program at Robins AFB and retired with 40+ years of service in 2015. She was initiated into Gamma Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in November 1975. She was an AKA Silver Star, Life Member, Charter Member of Sigma Epsilon Omega Chapter in Warner Robins, GA and a member of the Warner Robins Area Alumni Chapter and a Life Member of ASU National Alumni Association.

Willie Dell Goodson Miller



Ms. Miller attended Albany State College from 1966 – 1970.

She was the truest example of selfless, grace, spunk, beauty, a loving wife, mother and an unconditional friend.

Deacon Danny Patterson, Sr.

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Deacon Patterson graduated from Jones County High School in 1978 and then attended Albany State University. He retired from Allstate Insurance Company as a dedicated Litigation Specialist.

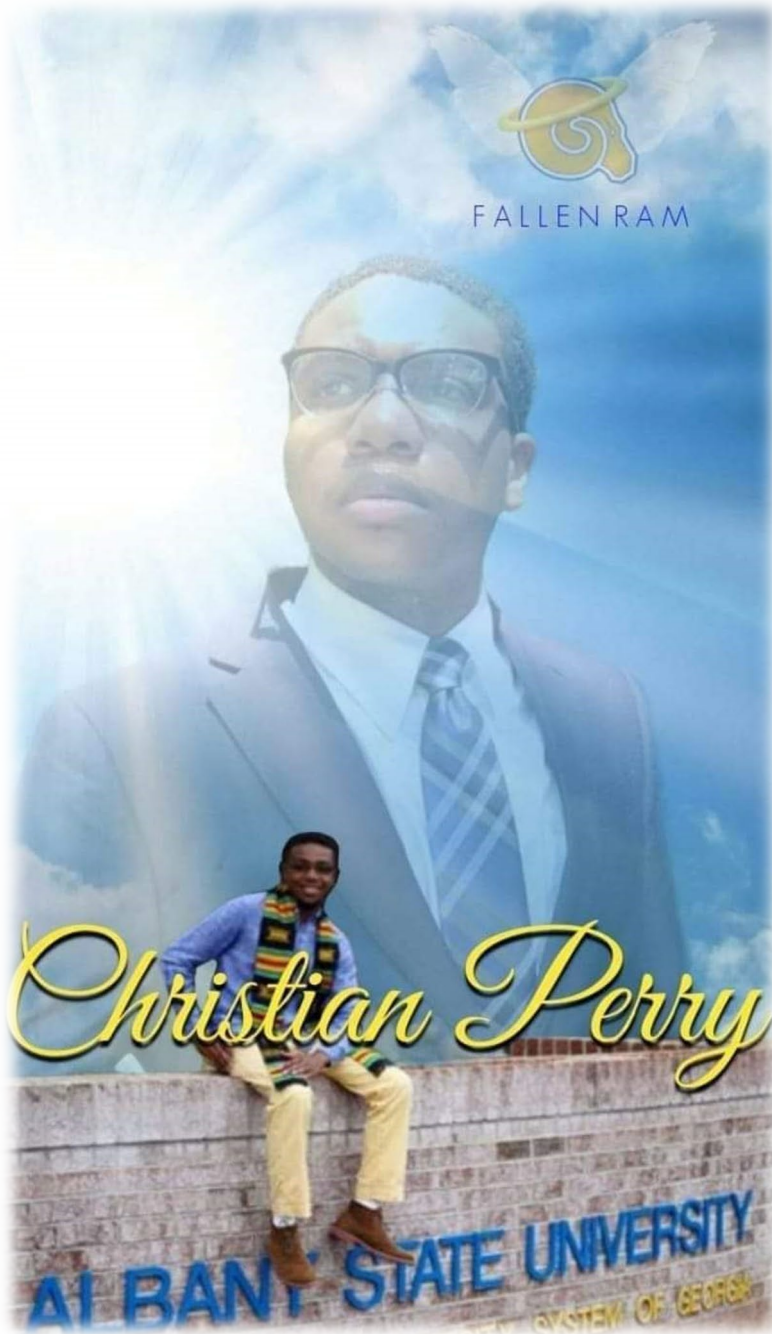
He was a Deacon at First Baptist Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Christian Perry

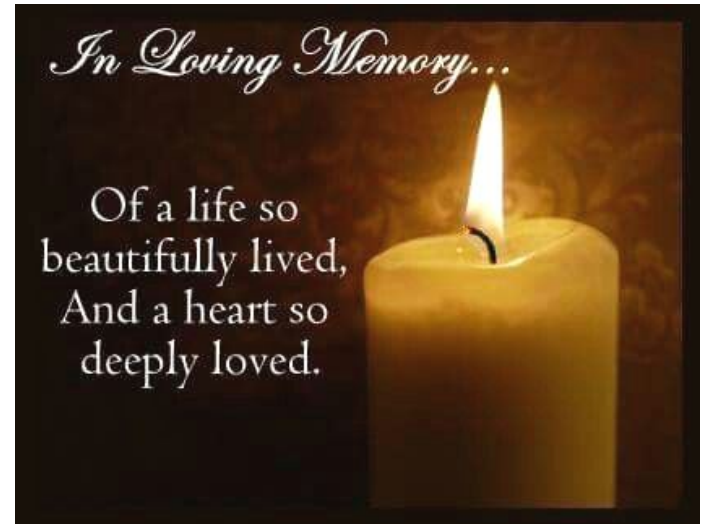


Christian was a member of the Houston County High School Class of 2010 in Warner Robins, GA. He was a kind and loving person with a strong desire to always help others.

He was a member of the Albany State University Class of 2014 and a member of the Marching Rams Show Band and Kappa Kappa Psi.



Erica Quimbley



**Erica attended Albany State University
from 1989 – 1994**

***Our dear sweet Erica,
Always loved,
Never forgotten...***

Ruby Johnson Reddick



Mrs. Reddick graduated from Albany State College in 1955 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and was accepted into New York University's Steinhardt School Education post graduate program where she earned a Master's Degree in Education. She had a storied career as a teacher in the Tift County Public School System for 40 years where she and the late Mary Keaton Johnson were the first Black teachers to integrate Northside Elementary. Her excellence and dedication in the classroom were acknowledged when she was honored as "Teacher of the Year" for the 1980-81 school year at J.T. Reddick Middle School.

Deacon James Steve Robinson



Deacon Robinson attained a B.S. Degree in Science Education from Albany State College in 1962. He was married to Mrs. Atteen Johnson Robinson for 56 years, was the father of two sons and served 20 years with the Deacon Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church in Albany, GA. He was a dedicated educator for more than 31 years, selected as “Teacher of the Year”, “System Teacher of the Week”, and the creator of the Dougherty County School System outline for Entomology.

Dr. John Richard Simmons

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Dr. Simmons graduated in 1971 with a B.A. Degree in Mathematics with a Minor in Chemistry. He also earned four additional degrees after graduating from ASC: MEd, EdS, EdD, and a PhD and spent his entire career working in Education in Georgia.

He was a member of the Valdosta-Lowndes Alumni Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

William Small

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Mr. Small graduated in 1954 with a B.S. in Elementary Education from Albany State College. He earned a M.S. Degree from Atlanta University and an (EdS) from Valdosta State University and also served in the United States Army. While attending ASC he played football and was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

William was a well-loved educator and touched the lives of many students in Georgia.

Clano Cornelius Stephens



Mr. Clano "CC" Stephens, age 107, was born September 12, 1912 in Dawson (Terrell County), Georgia where he received his formal education from the public school system. He continued his education by attending Ft. Valley State College, Savannah State College and graduated from Albany State College. He served as principal in his hometown school system (City of Dawson Public School System) and as an Industrial Arts Vocational Instructor in the Waycross Public School System in Waycross, Georgia.

At the time of his death on June 27, 2020 he was the oldest living alumni of Albany State College.

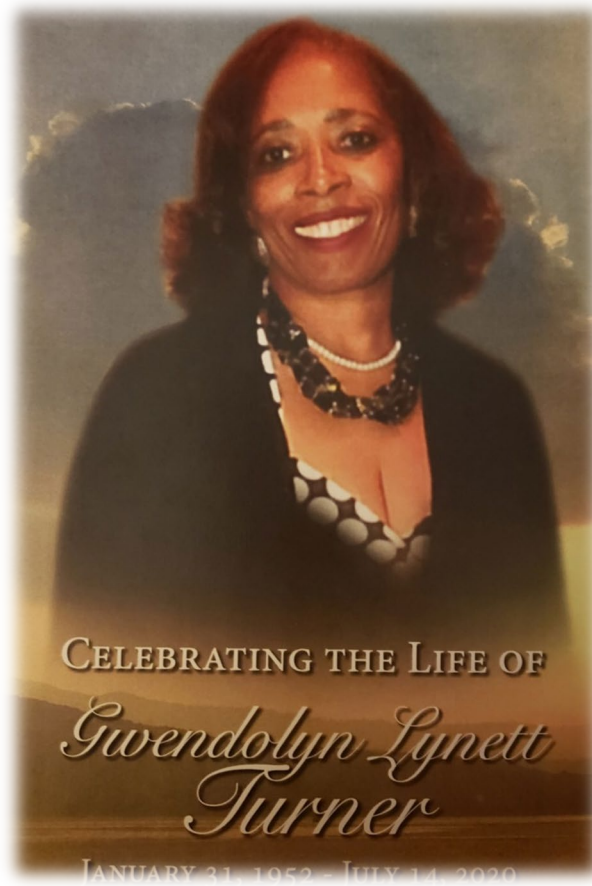
Deacon Charles Swan



Charles Swan, a member of the Class of 1977, was a History Instructor at ASC, he later worked at Robins AFB and the Environmental Protection Agency. He retired after 34 years of Federal Service. He was a Deacon at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA and a beloved member of the Griffin-Crescent Alumni Chapter. He will be missed dearly.

Swan was initiated into the Delta Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated in the Spring of 1976.

Gwendolyn (Gwen) L. Young-Turner



Ms. Turner was an awesome woman of God who loved the Lord with all her heart. She was a matriarch for her family and led by example. She was an avid traveler and reader, and loved to decorate during her spare time. Gwen enjoyed spending time with her family, and the joy of her heart was spending time with her grandson, Jayden.

Taffi Vincent



Ms. Vincent was an active and devoted member of the Griffin-Crescent Alumni Chapter of Albany State University. Her profound effect on the students she taught and served, resonated inside and outside of the classroom. She will be greatly missed!

Betty D. Williams



Ms. Williams attended Albany State College from 1961 – 1966. She dedicated her life to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's and was committed to the cause. She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Albany to ensure that African Americans not only had the right to vote, but their civil liberties would be honored for generations.

She was a faithful servant and member of the Union Missionary Baptist Church of Albany, GA until her demise for more than 40 years.

Willie Gerald “Jake” Wright

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Mr. Wright graduated from Albany State College on June 4, 1972. Following college graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy (Air Navy) where he developed a fascination with airplanes and their operation. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, he secured employment with Aetna Insurance Company in Springfield, IL, later transferring to Tampa, FL.

He was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and one of 15 charter members of the Decatur Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was inducted into the ASU Athletics Hall of Fame (Supporter) and the Alumni Hall of Fame and served on the ASU Foundation Board for eight years and was President for four years.

OTHER FALLEN RAMS WHO WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED

Garrett Allen

Femi N. Anderson

Walter Anderson

Willie George Edwards

Eloise Cutts Kelley

Dexter Noird

James Norwood

Alfred Whitlow

Gussie Whitlow

Coleman Wilson

Others Whose Names Are Unknown





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BEAUTIFUL
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last forever



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Happy New Year!!!

