



## Jack Kortsen

January 21, 1958 - July 25, 2020

Legendary Farmer, Rancher, Coach, Jack Kortsen Jr., age 62, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 25th, 2020. He was born January 21, 1958 in Casa Grande, Arizona, the second of four children born to Jack Kortsen and Sarah Louise (Cannon) Kortsen. Jack was raised on a cotton farm in Stanfield Arizona. They lived in Casa Grande where he attended and graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in 1976. He was a standout athlete and involved with the traveling choir The Blue Notes. He spent his high school summers working for feedlots, sheep outfits and the Red Tail Ranch in Willcox for Uncle Ted.

Jack proudly graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Social Work. After graduation he worked in the counseling field as a consultant and interventionist in the area of addiction in both schools and hospitals. He touched and saved many lives during this time. Following his passions for farming and family, Jack returned to working on the farm in Stanfield. During these years he enjoyed team roping with friends and neighbors. Although Jack loved the farm, he always felt a pull to the ranch in Willcox and fulfilled his dream and purchased the Hook Open A Ranch. Many years were spent raising kids and cattle with weekends filled with junior rodeos, team roping and brandings. As the kids leaned towards school sports, Jack stepped in as a volunteer football coach at Willcox High School. He never looked back, coaching kids was his passion. He held many titles as a football and softball coach but was adamant that he didn't coach a sport - he coached kids. Jack

had many chapters to his life, but they all involved giving. Giving his time, giving his wisdom, giving his love.

The greatest chapter to Jack's life, and the thing he most valued, was his family. Jack left behind the love of his life, Jan Kortsen; his children, Anna Denise Kortsen, Andrea Malin Kortsen Gardner (Jeremy), Kimberly Kay Moss, Tyler Mark Smith, Jack Edward Kortsen, and Samantha Katherine Kortsen; his Grandchildren, Kallie, Klinton, Savanna, Waylon, Kyrsten and Keevin; his sister, Debbi Pass (Steve); his brother Kent Kortsen; many beloved nephews, nieces, and a host of other family and friends.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Sarah Kortsen, his sister Cheryl Kortsen, his grandson Wade Gardner.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the Willcox High School Football stadium beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please follow all the suggested CDC guidelines; Thank You. Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Willcox Quarterback Club, P.O. Box 581, Willcox, Arizona 85644.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 5:00 PM (MT)

Willcox High School (FOOTBALL FIELD)  
240 N Bisbee Ave  
Willcox, AZ 85643-1905  
(520) 384-8601

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ *My condolences to Jack, his wife and family. Sending you my love and respect of your family.*

Marian Thurmond, previously Kortsen - July 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Jack Kortsen*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

MG

“ *I offer my sincere and deepest condolences and sympathy to the Kortsen family. My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort and may you cherish wonderful memories forever.*

*Manny Garcia  
UNM Lobos Softball Fan*

Manny Garcia - August 01, 2020 at 02:18 PM

ZW

“ *Very sorry to hear this news! Condolences, Blessings and Prayers to the family! 🙏*

Zebra Winebarger - August 01, 2020 at 12:54 AM

CG

“ Courtney Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Courtney Gonzalez - July 31, 2020 at 10:21 PM

SP

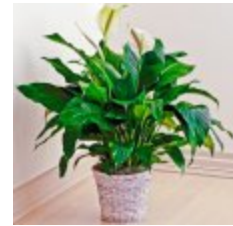
“ Sandi Puchkors lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Sandi Puchkors - July 31, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.



July 31, 2020 at 01:59 PM

CF

“ Caitlin (Skaarer) Foley lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Caitlin (Skaarer) Foley - July 31, 2020 at 08:25 AM

LM

“ My deepest condolences to the Kortsen family. Jack always had a smile on his face, and was a pleasure to visit with while working at Thatcher high school. He had such a positive attitude that rubbed off on those he worked with and coached. May you find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories of Jack.  
*Loretta Mullenau*

Loretta Mullenau - July 31, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.



July 30, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.



July 30, 2020 at 07:33 PM

YG

“ Your friends at Olam Cotton Greg & Gary. purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Jack Kortsen.



Your friends at Olam Cotton Greg & Gary. - July 30, 2020 at 12:12 PM

KH

“ Kevan, Vicki, Hayden, Brooklyn & Zella Hardy purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Jack Kortsen.



Kevan, Vicki, Hayden, Brooklyn & Zella Hardy - July 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM

KA

“ I can think of lots of great memories we had with Jack, Jan, and family. The Christmas parties, football games, Jack making his special sauce for our daughter's wedding. All special times. I guess the best memories were just whenever you saw Jack he had a grin on his face and seemed to never have a bad day.

Katie - July 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM

WS

“ Willcox High School Staff purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jack Kortsen.



Willcox High School Staff - July 30, 2020 at 10:30 AM

KA

“ Katie lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Katie - July 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.*



July 29, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ *Love, Jimmy, Donnis, Ricky, and Cash purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jack Kortsen.*



**Love, Jimmy, Donnis, Ricky, and Cash** - July 29, 2020 at 07:39 PM



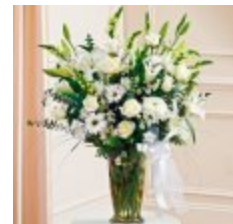
“ *Lyndal And Patty Lancaster (Ama, TX) lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



**Lyndal and Patty Lancaster (Ama, TX)** - July 29, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Your AMS Family purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Jack Kortsen.*



**Your AMS Family** - July 29, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Jack's passing...What a delightful man he was to know. I always enjoyed when y'all came by the HS office...My thoughts and prayers are with you! He will be sorely missed!

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**Carla Johnson** - July 29, 2020 at 12:38 AM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss to the Kortsen family. Jack, you will be truly missed. I will never forget the laughs with all the Kortsens at Rix's. Prayers to Jan and children.



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**Chris Humphers** - July 28, 2020 at 08:48 PM

TF

“ The Carley and Gray Families purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Jack Kortsen.



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**The Carley and Gray Families** - July 28, 2020 at 05:38 PM

KO

“ We are so very sorry for your loss...your family will all be in our prayers...  
Dwayne, Kelly, Tyler and Morgan

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**Kelly Owen** - July 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM

AT

“ Our deepest condolences to the Kortsen family in the loss of your loved one. Prayers to all. 🙏❤️🙏

Anselmo & Bertha Torres - July 28, 2020 at 01:48 PM

AT

“ Anselmo & Bertha Torres lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Anselmo & Bertha Torres - July 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM

L(

“ Lori Wood-Thomas (ISmile) purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Jack Kortsen.



Lori Wood-Thomas (ISmile) - July 28, 2020 at 12:50 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time, Jack was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed! We are so deeply sorry.  
Rebecca, Addison and Cooper Burreight



Rebecca Burreight - July 28, 2020 at 11:29 AM

TG

“ I am so sad to hear of Jack's passing. I have such fond memories of growing up with "Jackie" in our small rural town of Stanfield. I wish I had one more day to sit and reminisce about our childhood, our kids and life in general. My sincere condolences to his wife Jan, his kids, Anna, Andi, Sam and Jack, Kent and Debbie and all the Kortsen's. Rest easy "Jackie".  
Sincerely,  
Teresa Duran Gordon

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**Teresa Duran Gordon** - July 28, 2020 at 10:03 AM

NE

“ My sincerest condolences to Mr. Kortsen's family and friends. Mr. Kortsen will be remembered for his keen interest in the betterment of all youth in his small humble community of Stanfield. May God give his family Peace, Strength and Comfort during this difficult time. Rest in Paradise Mr. Kortsen. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Nancy Encinas** - July 28, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KG

“ Dear Jan and family, We were friends since the 80's, so many wonderful memories. Jack worked with purpose and was a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend. May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding guide your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ. Karen Geldmacher

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**Karen J Geldmacher** - July 28, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JI

“ Jan, and family. All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss.  
  
Jim and Kathy Cook

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**James B Cook II** - July 28, 2020 at 06:36 AM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.*



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July 27, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *I am incredibly saddened to hear of "Jackie's" passing. That's what we all called him growing up in Stanfield. I met him in kindergarten and went to school with him all the way through high school. He will be remembered as a long time friend and with many happy memories. I know that for all of us that grew up together with him, that he holds a special place in our hearts. Please accept my sincere condolences to the Kortsen family. I hope knowing that our thoughts and prayers going out to you and remembering what a great person he was will bring at least a small comfort to you all.*  
*Mary Ann (Rodriguez) Keith*

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**Mary Ann keith** - July 27, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *My heart breaks for all who knew Jack and especially Jan and his family! Was a super good guy and will leave a big hole in the heart of many. My prayers, thoughts and sincere condolences to you all!*



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**Gail Martin** - July 27, 2020 at 06:57 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gardner purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jack Kortsen.*



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**Cindy Gardner** - July 27, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MH

“ *Jack, you cowboy will be missed. I enjoyed our time together chasing them crazy O-O momma cows and calves, putting water lines and branding time. We had some good times, my friend.*

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**mike hudson** - July 27, 2020 at 05:45 PM

PW

“ *To Jan and the Kortsen family,  
We send our love ,prayers, and hugs to you all. May the arms of  
Jesus wrap around you for comfort and peace. We will all miss you  
Jack Kortsen!*

*Randy and Pamela Webb*

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**Pamela Webb** - July 27, 2020 at 05:30 PM



*To the family on Jack Kortsen,  
I knew Jack and his family almost all of my life. My Dad worked for his  
Father. My brothers and sisters and I went to school with Jack and his  
siblings. Our our families were always close. Please accept our sincere  
condolences.*

*Canela Rodriguez Humphrey and Terry Humphrey*

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**Terry Humphrey** - July 27, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ My condolences to the family it was a blessing to have been raised around him. And jack sr and family when they had their farm in stanfield. My you rest in peace



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**Judy ramey/ smith** - July 27, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CB

“ Our condolences and prayers for Jan and the family. May God bring comfort and peace.

*Marty and Cheryl Bowlby*

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**Cheryl Bowlby** - July 27, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ What a loss it will be for our community. Jack was such a loving, caring man....always looking for the good. Happy Homegoing my friend. Heaven is the richer for having you there.

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**John Chapman** - July 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM

TT

“ I'm absolutely heartbroken to learn of Jack's passing. Jack was such a kind and respectable man. He will be missed by so many! My thoughts and prayers are with you Jan and all of the family in this difficult time. I always enjoyed watching what a wonderful father and husband he was to his dear family. He was also so giving and thoughtful to his friends and community.

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**Tina Thompson** - July 27, 2020 at 04:35 PM

TT

“ Tina Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Tina Thompson - July 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jack Kortsen.



July 27, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SH

“ Susan Hayes lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Susan Hayes - July 27, 2020 at 02:41 PM

LW

“ Our hearts are with the Kortsen family. Always here for you Jan! Much love and many comforting prayers. Weaver family.



Lina Weaver - July 27, 2020 at 01:07 PM

MR

“ my condolences goes out to the family had a lot of bus rideswith jack will be miss

manuel & Bobbie Rubio - July 27, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JG

“ Flying and Farming, Stanfield , 1977 -2009. The whole Kortsen Family, among them Jack sr Jack jr ,cousins Ronnie and Danny played a major role in making my life so enjoyable, not only as customers but also as fun loving friends. John Goodwin, Casa Grande.

john goodwin - July 27, 2020 at 11:57 AM

AG

“ Ana Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Ana Gonzales - July 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ My heart goes out 💔 to all, prayers and strength in this tough time.

Cathe Shellton - July 27, 2020 at 09:24 AM

CS

“ Cathe Shellton lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Cathe Shellton - July 27, 2020 at 09:21 AM

SB

“ One measure of a man is how much he is loved by his family. Jan has shared with me how Jack is such a great father, from changing diapers to sharing his wisdom and his passion for life. The love she has for him has always stood out to me. Jack gave support and encouragement to our daughter at times it was needed the most, and he was a dedicated coach to all three of our boys. Jack has left a lasting impression on so many people and will always be remembered.

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**sunny De Baun** - July 27, 2020 at 01:08 AM

KF

“ Keith And Marie Fabian lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



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**Keith and Marie Fabian** - July 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

TY

“ To Jan, Andi, Anna and family, my thoughts are with you all. Jack was always one you could work long days with and enjoy laughter too! He had a way about him that was truly one of a kind, he was good people! Many prayers go out to you all!



*Tycee Evans*

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**tycee** - July 26, 2020 at 11:02 PM

CM

“ *Candy Morgan lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Candy morgan** - July 26, 2020 at 10:37 PM

RC

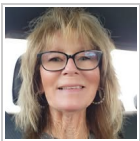
“ *To Jan and the Kortsen family,*

*Our deepest condolences. Jack was an amazing man and influence on our sons and the football program in Thatcher. He did so many little things that many will never know about. His love for football and the young men he coached was only bested by his love for his family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. RIP Captain Jack! We love you!!!*

*Ryan and Misty Conrad  
and Sons*

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**Ryan Conrad** - July 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Carol Case lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Carol Case** - July 26, 2020 at 09:33 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to Jan and the family. My boys truly admired and appreciated him this year coaching them.. God bless his wife and children.



Jodi Brock-Olivares - July 26, 2020 at 07:34 PM

GE

“ May all your wonderful memories give you Jan and the Kortsen family comfort and strength. It is fitting he left on National Cowboys Day RIP



Gary & Darcy Ely - July 26, 2020 at 06:52 PM

RN

“ Russ And Hannah Nofziger lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Russ and Hannah Nofziger - July 26, 2020 at 06:33 PM

DB

“ Passing of Jack Kortsen has left me heartbroken. My condolences to his family and the athletes that he has mentored. Our community will miss you Coach.

David Brown - July 26, 2020 at 06:27 PM

RC

“ *Rina Colato lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Rina Colato** - July 26, 2020 at 06:18 PM

JE

“ *Jared Ellis lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Jared Ellis** - July 26, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JC

“ *Our love and prayers are with you Jan and family*



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**Judy and Danny Chastain** - July 26, 2020 at 05:35 PM

CC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jan and family. Jack was a kind hearted man, he will be missed by many.*

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**Carol Case** - July 26, 2020 at 05:15 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Jan and family. Jack was a force of nature and a genuinely good person. I will miss him, he always had a smile and kind word for anyone he met.* ”



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**Michael Stark** - July 26, 2020 at 05:13 PM

WD

“ *Our hearts go out to Jan and the rest of the Kortsen family. So very sorry for your loss. I know he touched many lives and made a big impact on the community.* ”

*Wendy and Tony Davis*

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**Wendy Davis** - July 26, 2020 at 04:51 PM

CC

“ *Our deepest condolences to Jack’s family. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

*The Childers Family*

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**Cheryl Childers** - July 26, 2020 at 04:46 PM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to the family, sending prayers to comfort all of you.* ”



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**Gloria and Bill Wood** - July 26, 2020 at 04:43 PM

SR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Jan and rest of the family. My prayers of comfort are with you all.*



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**Sharma Reed** - July 26, 2020 at 04:26 PM

TC

“ *Terry Cavey lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**terry cavey** - July 26, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Betsy Ajeman** - July 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs for the family.*

*Kenny & Terry Cavey*

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**terry cavey** - July 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Kortsen



Gus & Rita Morales - July 26, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Gilbert and I have you in our thoughts and prayers everyday. Jack has always been such a wonderful man, the best neighbor anyone could ask for. He was a huge part of this community especially when it comes to children. He will be missed by so many. Carry in your heart that he made a big difference in many peoples lives his memory will live on.



Marsha Davidson - July 26, 2020 at 04:16 PM

FG

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Prayers for your family.



Frank & Susie Gonzales - July 26, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DH

“ David And Missy Hart lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



David and Missy Hart - July 26, 2020 at 04:02 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your lost. You and the kids are in my prayers.



Melynda - July 26, 2020 at 04:02 PM

JN

“ Jennifer Norris lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



Jennifer Norris - July 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

VH

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you all. Such a great man! We will miss him dearly.



Vicki Hardy - July 26, 2020 at 03:55 PM

KS

“ Kim Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



kim sanchez - July 26, 2020 at 03:10 PM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. I enjoyed working with him at school.

*Kim sanchez*

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**kim sanchez** - July 26, 2020 at 03:05 PM

MF

“ Our hearts are with Jan and her family❤️

*Moss Family*



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**Moss Family** - July 26, 2020 at 03:03 PM

CM

“ Our hearts are with Jan and her family❤️

*Moss Family*



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**Cheryl Moss** - July 26, 2020 at 02:45 PM

AS

“ Ashley Shaver lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen



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**Ashley Shaver** - July 26, 2020 at 01:47 PM

GA

“ *Gussie & Sharon Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Jack Kortsen*



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**Gussie & Sharon Arzberger** - July 26, 2020 at 01:28 PM