



## Billy Groce

April 28, 1972 - May 5, 2007

Funeral services for William Harold Groce, 35, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at Greater Heights Baptist Church. The Rev. Danny Holley will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Groce died Saturday, May 5, 2007. Born in Charleston Co., SC, he was a son of Peggy Bunch and John Jeffries and the late James Stewart Groce. He attended Greater Heights Baptist Church and was the owner/operator of Pipe Works Plumbing. He was a loving husband and devoted father. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, April Hoyt Groce of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Lyndsei Groce, Sydney Groce both of Hartsville, SC; mother and stepfather, of Round O, SC; sisters and brother-in-law, Tanna and Scott Reagan of Savannah, GA; sister-in-law, Andrea Hoyt of Florence, SC; mother-in-law, Cathy Grigsby of Hartsville, SC.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greater Heights Baptist Church (BPA Chapel)  
306 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill,  
You were a gift from God. Your heart touched souls others only dream about.  
No one can ever replace you, your love was unconditional. You trusted until everything was taken away, and still tried. I can still feel your arms around me and the day old whiskers on my neck. That dimple on your chin, kissed by angels: your eyes truly seeing deep into peoples lives always giving, never taking. Crowns of Glory will be given you, and you will give back to Jesus. Peace that passes all understanding is now yours. Bill, We're lost without you.  
Loving you always,  
Mom & John###imported-begin###Peggy Jeffries###imported-end##*

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May 29, 2007 at 02:29 AM



“ *Dear Groce Family,  
We met Billy a short time ago and just found out about your loss. We are very sorry for this unfortunate loss to your family. We didn't know him very well but what we knew he was a very nice person. Someone who was fun to be around. I know that you will miss your beloved husband and dad very much. Our deepest sympathies!!  
  
Chafin Family###imported-begin###Keith and Kim Chafin ###imported-end##*

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May 17, 2007 at 02:43 PM



“ April  
My thoughts and prayers have been with you and the girls. It is just unbelievable. Billy was such a sweet person and was always so polite to me. I know nothing I say can ever take the pain and hurt away, but only with God's help can you make it. I pray he will take you in his arms and comfort you. He can give you a peace that you can't find anywhere else. You know I am always here if you need someone to talk with. You know that I've always told you that you are a very special person. I still believe that. I pray God will give you peace, strength, and wisdom in the coming days. My best love and sincere sympathy. Love, Debbie###imported-begin###Debbie Gainey###imported-end###

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May 11, 2007 at 10:31 AM



“ April and Girls,  
So sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers. Your neighbors at 210 Timberchase Dr. Gary and Annie Vann and Family###imported-begin###Gary and Annie Vann###imported-end###

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May 09, 2007 at 07:03 PM



“ billy, i am so happy to hear testimony of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. i know you are at peace with the Saviour. april, lyndsei and sydney, i am praying for you daily that God will give you strength and healing to your hearts, i know he loved you so very much. it was evident. mr. and mrs. jeffries, tanna and family, God bless you and help you, you had a wonderful boy, brother, i know you are so sad. Jesus is our comfort. i can tell you are Christians and i know we will all be together really soon in Heaven with our Lord. my heart aches for you all. God Bless You. pam, jim, and jake murray###imported-begin###pam murray###imported-end###

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May 09, 2007 at 04:35 PM



“ April, So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Please call me and let me know if there is anything I can do for you or your family. Keep the faith.  
Rosemary##imported-begin##Rosemary Digby##imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 03:16 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are coming your way from the Hoyt's and Zimmerman's in this very sad time.##imported-begin##Kristine Hoyt##imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ To the Groce family, I am deeply saddened by Billy's sudden departure from this earth. Ted and I will miss his warm smile which lit up his eyes and his very kind heart. I am lucky to have shared some time with him. I will miss him. He loved his three girls dearly.##imported-begin##carol and ted goranson##imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 01:26 PM



“ To All Members of the Groce Family:

*We are deeply saddened over the loss of Billy. He was always so polite and kind with a sweet spirit. He will be missed.*

*Andy and Vicki Eaddy##imported-begin##Vicki Eaddy##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2007 at 12:52 PM



“ April, You and the girls are in our thoughts and in our prayers. Remember that your faith in God and your family support will bring you through this time of sorrow. I love you and I'm here for anything that you need. Keysha###imported-begin##Keysha O'Neal###imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear April and Family, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your life. Our hearts were saddened when we received the news about Billy. He always had a smiling face and a friendly smile. Remember that we are here for you if you need anything. Keep the faith one day we can see him again in Heaven. Praying for you.

Neighbors of 142 Timberchase Drive(Paul and Ann)###imported-begin##Paul & Ann Hudson###imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 10:37 AM



“ Dear April, We are sadden at the news of Billy's death. Even though we weren't around both of you a lot since we left Chapel Hill Church, you were always in our thoughts and prayers. Billy always had a smile for me when he came into the bank. He will be missed. Lean on the Master for your confort and He will provide what you need to get thru this time.

Teresa & Larry Gainey###imported-begin##Teresa Gainey###imported-end##

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May 09, 2007 at 10:35 AM



“ I remember Aunt Peggy bringing Billy to our house when he was a baby. He was such a beautiful, happy child with a big smile and lots of energy! He became a loving, compassionate man with that same beautiful smile and always a kind word for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We were so blessed to have Billy, and will always treasure our memories of him.##imported-begin##Susan (Worsham) Piedfort and family##imported-end##

May 09, 2007 at 08:35 AM



“ To the ENTIRE Groce family (parents included)... Billy will always be remembered as a very loving husband and a great daddy. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and did not expect payback for the things he did. He was a man who wanted the best for his family and tried to reach that goal. My prayers are that God will be with the ones left behind and may all of us feel a greater need for serving our Lord. Love to all of you##imported-begin##Dot Leviner##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 10:12 PM



“ Billy will Greatly be Missed! He was a Good Friend & A Great Guy to know. Our prayers are with his Family. He will be Missed!!!##imported-begin##Lee Futrell, & Kerrie Skidmore & Family##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 09:56 PM



“ April,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.  
Remember God will see you thru and you have so many people  
who will be there for you. All you have to do is call.##imported-  
begin##Linda Odom##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 05:22 PM



“ Dear Family, Billy will be dearly missed. I can remember the days  
when he encouraged me to get in church and walk the path of the  
righteous. His kindness and geniune care for others has left a  
legacy for others to follow.  
My prayers go out to you as a family in the hope that God our  
creator will wrap His loving arms around you and bring comfort  
during this time.##imported-begin##Brian##imported-end##

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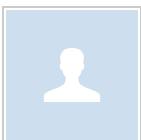
May 08, 2007 at 05:03 PM



“ April - Please know that you and the girls are in my thoughts and  
prayers. Remember that God never puts more on us than we can  
handle - and though it seems at times that things are  
insurmountable they're not. Draw on your faith, family and friends -  
they will see you through. Call me if I can do anything for you. Love,  
Kim and Celia Alton##imported-begin##Kim Alton##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 04:43 PM



“ Our hearts break because we lost Billy. Always kind, always  
respectful - he will ALWAYS be missed. Out thoughts are with little  
Sydney, Lyndsei, and April in this time of heartache and  
sorrow.##imported-begin##Scott and Holly Brown##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 04:38 PM



“ We love you all and miss you. We will keep everyone close to heart and in our prayers. A sweet voice is soon to sing with the angels. Love always.##imported-begin##Joey and Sherry Pace##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 04:31 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Mitzi Melton and Caroline Brown##imported-begin##Mitzi Melton##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 01:51 PM



“ April, Words cannot express how shocked I was to hear about Billy. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD hold you and comfort you. If there is anything I can do, let me know and I will do my best. William##imported-begin##William Kelly - Radiology##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 01:21 PM



“ OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN BY THE LOSS OF BILLY. IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO HAVE KNOWN BILLY AND HAVE HIM IN OUR LIVES. BILLY WAS THE MOST LOVING, SWEET AND RESPECTFUL PERSON WE HAVE EVER KNOWN. WE LOVED BILLY AND WILL MISS HIM ALOT.##imported-begin##CHESTER & GAIL CROWLEY##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 01:14 PM



“ Lyndsei, you are in my thoughts and prayers i know its been awhile since i've seen you but i remember those times. I miss you Billy, you were one of the sweetest people ever; loved the moments with you and chet working with aunt Gail and Uncle Chester. you will always be remembered in our hearts. I'm praying for your whole family through this time of crisis!  
i love ya'll###imported-begin##Ashley Hensley###imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 12:05 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Harry & Denise Tomlin###imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 11:21 AM



“ I will always remeber the good times when we were little!###imported-begin##Leslie Lewis and Family###imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 11:15 AM



“ Billy will be greatly missed!! He was the most respectful, loving guy anyone could ever know. We were very lucky to have him in our lives. His family was blessed to have a good man like Billy. The famly will be in our prayers. Billy, you will not be forgotten in our home. You are in are hearts and soul. We love you!!!!###imported-begin##Shon and Angela Fales###imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 09:18 AM



“ April, There are no words to express the deep sadness that is felt by our family at the loss of someone so dear to us. We were blessed to have had Billy in our lives and to have your family be a part of our family for a long time now. We will miss Billy. You, Cathy and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love and sadness, Robbie, Kathy and Jacob##imported-begin##Robbie, Kathy and Jacob Odom##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 09:02 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy.

Willard & Cynthia##imported-begin##Willard Long & Cynthia Long##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 08:07 AM



“ We are deeply saden of the lost of Billy he was a very good person to be around, He will truely be missed.##imported-begin##City of Hartsville Utilities##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 07:09 AM



“ To the family, I send my deepest sympathies for your loss. I did not know Mr. Groce, but I work at the Carolina Pines and was told of his death this evening. May God bless you all through your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Holly Freeman##imported-end##

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May 08, 2007 at 12:29 AM



“ Aunt Peggy, Tania, April & Family,  
It's hard to imagine that "Our Little Billy" is gone. I remember the days of playing in the yard when your new house was being built and Billy always trying to keep up with us and he did. I remember Billy full of energy ALL the time and always laughing!! I know it will be hard for all of you but just keep the memories of Billy alive in your hearts and he will live on through you. My deepest sympathy to you all for our loss, he was a great kid and grew up to be a **WONDERFUL** man!

*Billy, you will be sadly missed by all of your family and friends.  
Love your cousin,  
Fran and Family (Johnny, Trae & Ashlyn)##imported-begin##Fran Bodiford##imported-end##*

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May 08, 2007 at 12:25 AM



“ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family upon the untimely death of Billy. May his memories and the thoughts and prayers by family and friends bring comfort to you during this difficult time.  
The Cassidy Family##imported-begin##Janice Cassidy##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 10:49 PM



“ It is just too hard to think that he is gone. My heart and love go out to you and your family April. Tanna, Aunt Peggy, I am so very sorry.

*All my love  
Rose##imported-begin##Rose Worthem##imported-end##*

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May 07, 2007 at 07:39 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Joey, Vickie, Heather, and Emily##imported-begin##Vickie Lavender##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 06:57 PM



“ To the Groce family, I am sorry about your loss. You will be in my prayers and thoughts. May God wrap His arms of love around you and comfort you during the days ahead.##imported-begin##Betty Polson##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 04:57 PM



“ You will be in my thoughts and prayers. i love all of you. With love, Katherine Lawhon##imported-begin##Katherine Lawhon##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 04:38 PM



“ April, I am so sorry for your loss. Words do not come easy in times like this. Just know that I will keep you, your children and your family in my prayers. Tracie (Talbert) Jacobs##imported-begin##Tracie Jacobs##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 03:44 PM



“ Lyndsei, I am really sorry about your dad. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Brittany Jacobs##imported-begin##Brittany Jacobs##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 03:40 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy for your loss. Billy was a nice, well-mannered young man that we will dearly miss. Our prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Bud and Linda Jeffries##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 03:06 PM



“ we cannot even begin to express our heartfelt sympathy. we are in shock and disbelief...we are truly sorry. billy was precious and we loved to see him come in. he had a beautiful soul and we will miss him terribly. thoughts and prayers for peace-the girls at nickles and elders##imported-begin##dr elders office##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 03:02 PM



“ Billy was a kind and an extremely nice person. We will miss him as a valued##imported-begin##All of us at Mitchell's Florist##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 12:33 PM



“ May knowing my thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls help you to feel less alone during this difficult time. I love you. Call me if there is anything I can ever do to help.##imported-begin##Tricia Thurman##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 12:30 PM



“ Billy you'll ALWAYS be remembered in our home! You treated us with the most respect and love anytime you were around! That's what we will ALWAYS remember about you most!!!! We know your in a better place now and won't have to be stressed or unhappy anymore!! WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH AND WILL NEVER FORGET YOU BROTHER!!!!

R.I.P William H. Groce##imported-begin##Chet, Gena & Hayli Crowley##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 11:55 AM



“ April, I am truly sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Donna Johnson##imported-begin##Donna Johnson##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 11:02 AM



“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you girls.

Joel & Betsy Howle  
Lee and Cari##imported-begin##Betsy Howle##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 10:31 AM



“ April,

*CW & I are so sorry to hear about Billy. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was a very nice person.##imported-begin##CW & Lynn Grant##imported-end##*

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May 07, 2007 at 10:10 AM



“ APRIL LYNDESEY SYDNEY, MY HEART HAS BEEN BROKEN FOR THE THREE OF YA'LL. THERE IS NEVER ANY WORDS TO SAY OR ACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE EXCEPT THE SWEET PRECIOUS GRACE JESUS OFFERS US.

*I PRAY DEAR LORD THAT YOU WILL FORGIVE ALL OF US FOR OUR SHORT COMINGS TO YOU. PLEASE LORD RAIN DOWN YOUR COMFORT AND GRACE THAT YOU HAVE PROMISED US. HELP APRIL, LYNDESEY, AND SYDNEY KEEP THEIR EYES ON YOU THROUGH ALL OF THIS AND THAT THEIR FAITH MAY BE RENEWED.*

*I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU ALL.*

*I LOVE YOU ALL LIKE MY OWN FAMILY.*

*LOVE*

*DANA##imported-begin##DANA MILLER##imported-end##*

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May 07, 2007 at 09:36 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Billy was such a kind hearted, loving person and we will greatly miss him!!*

*Love,*

*Jennifer and Dan Bledsoe##imported-begin##Jennifer and Dan Bledsoe##imported-end##*

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May 07, 2007 at 09:25 AM



“ April  
You and your family are continuously in my prayers. I love you all.##imported-begin##Tanya Baker##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 08:28 AM



“ April, I am so sorry! I wish I had the words to make this all better. Please let us help in any way we can. We both love your family so much.##imported-begin##Molly and Brandon##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 07:59 AM



“ April:  
Our prayers and thoughts are for your family as you go through this difficult time. May Gods love embrace each of you.  
Sorry we are not able to be there at this time. Our hearts are filled with sorrow for your loss.

Love  
Uncle Kenny & Connie##imported-begin##Connie Hill##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 07:33 AM



“ April,  
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Tanya McDonald##imported-end##

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May 07, 2007 at 12:53 AM



“ *My Dear Family, Cathy, April, Lyndsei and Sydney*

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss and that you are going through this sad and difficult time.*

*You are in our thoughts and we are with you in spirit and prayer.*

*With deepest sympathy, we send our love.*

*Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa Coffman  
Karen, Sean, Stephanie Baker  
Kari and Mark Young*

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*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*I come before the throne of grace to ask mercy for my sister Cathy, niece April, and Great nieces Lyndsei and Sydney. Lord you know all and every detail of this tragedy and loss in their life.*

*Lord I ask that you surround this family and close friends with your angels and hold them in your arms. Let them find comfort in your soothing mercy, support from your strength, and peace and hope in your promise that we will see our loved ones again. Lord let them draw on their good memories and precious times until that day.*

*Lord continue to draw us together in your love, word and will to support each other in our times of sorrow and everyday trials that we may grow closer to you Lord. I ask this in your holy name Jesus. Amen##imported-begin##Karen Baker##imported-end##*

May 06, 2007 at 11:05 PM



“ Dear April,

*GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH THIS. I can not in a lifetime begin to imagine the pain, sorrow, numbness you are feeling and will go thru in days, weeks, even months to come. Seeing this brought me to my knees and to tears. Please know that you and your precious girls are uplifted in my prayers to our loving and merciful father in heaven and know that God is with you and will hold you in his arms, comfort you and give you peace. Peace and understanding will come in God's time. Your strength for your girls and yourself will come through the love and strength of Jesus Christ. HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH.*

*I am out of town and will see you soon. I am so sorry for your having to go through this most difficult, painful, heartbreaking experience. In love and friendship, Valerie Johnson##imported-begin##VALERIE JOHNSON##imported-end##*

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May 06, 2007 at 11:05 PM



“ April, you and your children are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Dan & Linda Watford##imported-end##

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May 06, 2007 at 10:07 PM



“ My Dearest Family:

*The amount of sorrow we feel during this profound loss of our beloved Billy, is a sign of a true life of blessing; being a part of a loving family. Our souls are one in christ and our love for one another. There is no time or space in the spritual. Death will never destroy what is really ours. I feel privileged to have known such an honorable, loving, good ,and kind man as Billy Groce. He was a gift to all of us who knew him.*

*All my love and prayers; April, Lyndsei, and Sydney.*

*Love,*

*Aunt Kristy##imported-begin##Kristy Coffman##imported-end##*

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May 06, 2007 at 10:05 PM