

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Lawrence Eldon Northup Jr.

(November 16, 1948 - April 1, 2007)



This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Lawrence Eldon Northup Jr.** who was born in **Iowa, Ollie** on **November 16, 1948** and passed away on **April 1, 2007** at the age of **58**. You will live forever in our memories and hearts.

“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose....

All that we love deeply becomes a part of us” –

Helen Keller

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Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



Proud American



Our Wedding



Maurice the future comedian



Steven "little Lurch"



Larry's Parents



The mother's in law meet in Italy



Larry's father in law Wayne



Duddly & Effie



One Father's Day



Larry, Maura, Maurice, Steven & Cheyenne



A Proud Dad



Happy Day



Two families joined



To: DAD



The sister in law he is not met yet, Cristina



Max my brother in law & Ely my darling niece



Steven & Kelle



Maurice & Janis



My nefew



Christmas 2005 in Italy Dad & Steven



I'm working with dad



Happy & Relaxed



On the boat again



Larry busy at work



sister in law Vicki



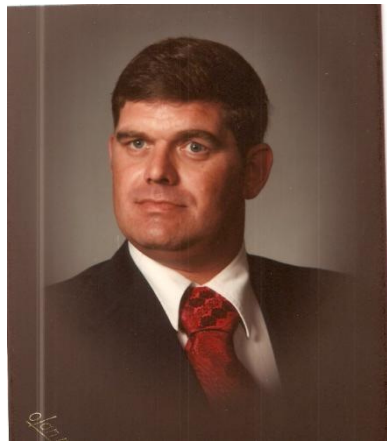
Effie & George, his sister and brother



Larry, George, Steven & Maurice



Handsome as a kid to.



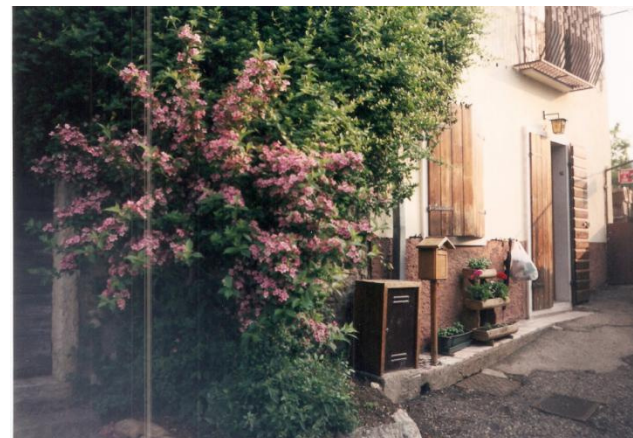
Larry, Eldon or Lurch, it's me



South East Asia



Larry's aunt & cousin



Larry & Maura love nest



Larry's Italian family



His Italian Family



Larry's favorite place



Larry & Livia at Lake Garda



Special Group



Italy 1978



Larry, Vittorio & Sauro



Larry & Paola



Larry & Wilma



Same day birthday, 32 and 50



Friends like family



His Home in FL



He latest project, the porch



He loved flowers & plants



Thanksgiving 2007



Open Market in Soave



Larry's Church

Two roses are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. They are rendered in a soft, sepia-toned style, appearing as if they are gently floating or emerging from a misty, ethereal background. The roses are detailed, showing the layers of petals, but their edges are softened to blend with the overall atmospheric texture of the image.

Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

05/03/2007

Shanae

*His eyes are the stars that
twinkle in the night, his smile
the sunshine that makes are
days bright. He is watching
from above.RIP*

04/15/2007

Deb Lord

*I am very sorry I could not
attend the Memorial. Maura,
you are one in a million good
gal. Keep you head up, love
you.*

04/11/2007

Mike

*Larry,we were unfortunate
to have only known you for a
few of your last weeks.God
bless you and rest peacefully
Sir.We Salute you.*

04/11/2007

Brenda Northup Wells

Rest In Peace

04/10/2007

George H Northup

*My memories of eldon make
me smile but my sence of loss
makes my cry.missing you
big brother;*

04/10/2007

Marilyn Oliver

*When his country called, he
served with honor. Larry
Northup, truely was, an
American Hero and has
paid, the ultimate sacrifice.*

04/09/2007

francis---ida fye

*Our lives have ben blessed by
having known you. God
Bless*

04/09/2007

Brian Lamm

*I am sorry to hear of your
loss. Larry has enlisted in a
new army, still protecting...*

04/08/2007

Barbara Rowland

*I will always remember the
smile that Larry had during
his illness. Thank you for
visiting Java Joy. You will be
missed, Larry*

04/08/2007

Altagracia Perez

*Te recordaremos siempre
con mucho amor. mami
querida tus hijos, Clarissa y
Jose Andres*

04/08/2007

**Sheila & Marlon from
Guam**

*04/08/2007 Real LOVE
never die,it would always
live in our hearts and
memories, I will never
forget, God Bless you all*

04/07/2007

Theresa Simeone

*I hope that all the memories
you treasure will comfort
you now. Thanks to Larry
for all the laughs, smiles and
silliness.*

04/07/2007

Debbie Cox Lord

*When you can, begin to let
courage and love intertwine
with the other emotions of
grief...you will find hope for
your own healing*

04/07/2007

Angela

*A Lorenzo dedico una luce,
una di quelle che
splenderanno per sempre
con Lui. Angela & Figli, zia
Ina*

04/06/2007

Maura

*My love, you are and always
will be a part of me. Thank
you for having loved me.
Always with you...Maura*

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Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

Steve "Gator" Johns

My Friend Lurch

May 25, 2007

My Friend Lurch,

I met "**Lurch**" in the early 70's. We were stationed together at Kirtland AFB. I was an airman, him a SSgt. My nickname was "**Gator**" because I grew up in Starke, Fla. He was Lurch-no explanation needed. I looked up to him-in more ways than one! He was an awesome mechanic and a true friend. He would always work on my Mach I, and I in turn would go dune buggy riding with him in the Sandia mountains. If I visited in his room and could not walk out because of the 'liquids' I found in his room, Lurch would gently carry me to my room. If I needed anything, Lurch was there. He was warm and gentle, a fun-loving friend that I miss. We lost touch and after 30 years he found me and we got to see each other again-what a sweet reunion. Mara, my condolences to you and your family. May God comfort and bless you all. Revelation 7:17

Stephen L. Johns, CMSgt, USAF (ret)

Gator

vonceil

vows lived

April 12, 2007

It has been an honor and a priviledge to be a part of your lives. I have seen love lived and vows honored. I know that you will continue to love and to live. Thank you for who you are.

Marilyn Oliver

Our condolences

April 11, 2007

I didn't get a chance to meet Larry, but through Maura, I was able to share a small part in his life. My family and I, are so sorry for your loss and send our condolences to the Northup family.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, You pursue us with untiring love and dispel the shadow of death with the bright dawn of light.

Comfort this family in their loss and sorrow. Be their refuge and their strength, O Lord, and lift them, from the depths of grief into the peace and light of Your Presence.

Rod Holland

Fellow V.N. Vet.

April 11, 2007

Larry was, and still will be part of our P.T.S.D. Group that meets every Tuesday. Larry was usually always there first. He was always a very happy person , even though there were times that he had problems with the VA, or the phone company.

From the time Larry became ill until he left us, he was a man of courage, happiness, and dignity. Even though Larry wasn't at our last 2 meetings, he was part of everyones personal thoughts, and feelings, and how he has affected our lives.

Please accept my condolences, and may you find peace in time.

Rod Holland

Brenda Northup Wells

Niece

April 11, 2007

I am grateful for the times my dad got to spend with his brother, my uncle Eldon. They were quite the pair together !

Rest In Peace.

George H. Northup

Big Brother

April 10, 2007

Eldon always was and always will be my big brother and mostly my hero. my heart

aches for our talks of the old wild and wooly old days when we were growing up, but we had great times and this will be some of my most cherished memories. A great American ,veteran and patriot he served his country in war and peace. I am flying my flag at half mast in his honor ; GOD bless....little brother George

Nancy L Ruth & Dean

Love & Hugs

April 10, 2007

I know your sorrow and words can't erase the pain. Only time can ease it. Our loved ones gone from us, live on in our hearts and minds. Keep the best memories alive always. All our love and hugs, Nancy & Dean

Shanae

Condolence

April 9, 2007

I only met Larry a couple of times and after he had already fell sick, I quickly became attached to his wife Maura who is a short little Italian with the biggest heart of anyone I know. Through their times near the end they were still smiling and hoping for the best. I am honored to have got to meet Larry the man who kept Maura on her toes.

Wendy & Bob Mercer

Condolence

April 9, 2007

To the Northup Family,

We are so deeply sorry for your loss. May your memories serve to help you through this difficult time.

Mr. Larry was always such fun to be around and his sense of humor was just wonderful. Our hearts and prayers are with you, with all of our love.

Barbara Rowland

Owner, Java Joy, VA Hospital

April 8, 2007

I'm a better person for knowing Larry.

Gene Blythe

Condolence

April 7, 2007

I am sorry to hear of your loss, I didn't know him very long but what time I knew him, he was always a wonderful uplifting person.

I send my CONDOLENCES to you and your family.

If you need anything at all I will be glad to help all I can.

May the GOOD LORD be with all of you in your time of sorrow.

Gene Blythe

Jim Weins

Fellow Vietnam Vetern

April 7, 2007

Although we never met, but we talked and new each others problems with cancer, we will always be brothers, and some day we will meet and be with our other Vietnam brothers in heaven, for only we will know what true botherhood is really about. My heart goes out to you and your family. Your brother in arms forever, Jim Weins.

Debbie Cox Mercer Lord

He made he laugh

April 7, 2007

I am sorry for this loss of this wonderful father, husand and man who could make you laugh in spite of yourself. Shame on our Government, for not helping soldiers lives be better instead of worse, some gave all, all gave a lot.

Your world has changed with this loss, & it will never be quite be same. So in many way you are looking at your new world as though you are looking through the eyes of a child. Let the child in you view your new world with respect, and wonder for the human sufferage that is ours to create and ours to make improve by our own actions. DL

Angela

Partecipiamo al grande dolore.

April 7, 2007

Maura, Mauretta cara,

non ho parole se non un abbraccio forte a Te, Stefano, Maurizio e Kelle.

Vi abbraccio sul cuore, miei cari, e Vi abbracciano tutti i miei Figli e la mia Mamma.

Una preghiera per Lorenzo ci sarà da parte mia, ogni sera.

Ciao, Ti voglio bene.

Angela

***Cristina, Max, Ely &
Luciana***

Vi siamo vicini

April 7, 2007

In questo momento di grande dolore vi siamo vicini con tutto il nostro amore. Un abbraccio fortissimo da parte nostra. Criss, Max, Ely & Luciana

Bert, Brandon, & Misty

Condolence

April 7, 2007

To our great friend Maura and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this hard time in your life. We completely understand how you are feeling and what you are going through. If there is ever anything that we can do for you please call. Trust in God during this time and he will guide you through it all. We love you and are praying daily for you.

Love always,

Bert Clark,

Steve & Kelle Northup

My loving father

April 7, 2007

You are a part of everything I do and I have to say thanks. You had this strong heart that I wish everyone could have know as well as I did. I am the man I am today because I had you and mom to guide me through life. I love you Pop!

Silvia e Orlando

Condoglianze

April 7, 2007

Carissima Maura,

con grandissimo rammarico stamattina abbiamo ricevuto questa triste notizia.

Siamo molto dispiaciuti per il tuo carissimo marito!

Vi siamo vicini col pensiero e con le preghiere.

Cerca di farti forza e non abbatterti, pensa che ora il tuo caro marito non soffre più e che comunque la sua anima sarà sempre al tuo fianco.

Non sono brava a parlare in queste tristi situazioni , ma sappi che sarai sempre nei nostri pensieri e se verrai in Italia sappici dire qualcosa.

Un forte abbraccio da Silvia e Orlando

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Shared Memoirs

all the gray you turned into colors...

Sheila Delgadillo



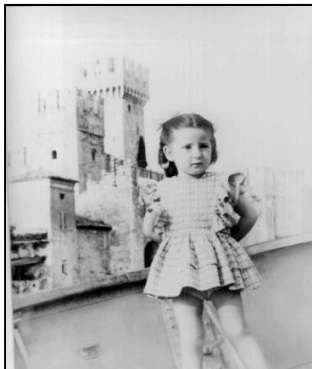
I meet Maura & Larry when I was working at Norfolk Naval Base at The BOQ when this couple came to me asking for a room to stay for 1 night, I will never forget that warmth, the most beautiful connection between 2 human beings, that was my perception when I saw them, He had a very nice sense of humor he was joking and make me smile and I was having a hard time at work. The love of these two make me wonder how it would be my life in the future with my Hubby Marlon when we get there. They looked so much in love and happy. Since then My dear Bella and I have been friends and shared messages and hoping we can see each other soon. I

appreciate the friendship and the true meaning of LOVE the 2 of you show me. From Guam my Marlon & I send you our condolences and LOVE and praying that you can find your peace.

Ciao Bella,

Sheila

Maura Northup



Lurch, my love: We have come a long way together, we learned, laughed and fought but...we were always in love. We raised two boys, made a lot of friends and shared everything. Because of you, I am a better person. You were positive, had a great sense of humor and never stopped smiling even when things were at their worst. Now I am lost without you, while I know you were in a lot of pain, I feel that I've lost you twice: Once as the love of my life and also as my best friend. Through your illness, you were sweet, kind and always grateful, part of me went with you and I know you will guide me the rest of the way until we can be together again. Your



loving wife, Maura



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Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

November 16, 1948

Born in Iowa Ollie on November 16, 1948.

April 1, 2007

Passed away on April 1, 2007 at the age of 58.

April 7, 2007



**A WIFE'S SALUTE TO A VIETNAM HERO
SHAME ON OUR NATION**

The Proud family of T/Sgt. Lawrence E. Northup Jr., pays their respects to an American Vietnam Hero. He sadly died at age 58, April 1, 2007 at the Gainesville Veteran Hospital, in Florida.

The many health problems rendered him incapacitated for years. He felt ignored and forgotten by the Government that he had faithfully served. His health complaints were ignored and under minded for years. Signs of failing health were present and obvious. He was frustrated and became depressed towards the last. He felt

rejected because of his disabilities and the unspoken age discrimination. For his Government **he was not "ill" enough, but rather should return to work!** He heard repeatedly of the advantages and points system for Disabled Veterans! His work experience, desire to work and impressive education (2 Bachelors, 2 Masters and one Doctorate), did not even generate one interview on over 3,500 applications submitted!

He was obviously not employable! Could it be that the Government is the biggest Discriminator of all?

Larry worked hard and proudly, he grew up in a small farm town in Mid America. He joined the Air Force with only a GED, but managed a career, war, marrying and raising two wonderful boys and achieved a good education. Always trying to be professional and do better, he was a man of many talents.

As many other Veterans in his category, he gave all in his military career and later in civilian life. He was an exceptional husband and father, who thought them not only solid values, honesty and hard work, but also inspired them to follow his example.

My wonderful husband is already, and will be missed by his friends, co-workers and neighbors. Always generous to a fault, ready to help even when in pain, he always found a smile and never lost his sense of humor. He had to fight and earn everything in his life! He struggled to receive poverty level pensions. The Social Security saga lasted 4 years, was awarded 1 1/2 and received it 2 months.) The VA pension a 10% ratings, after years of asking for evaluations ended at 60%...but he was paid as single instead as married. As we all know Government never makes mistakes, thus in May 2006 his spouse was recognized. Of course VA does not repay their mistakes! No retroactive pay...

Larry always lived with dignity despite the grave health problems and miger income. Most of the perosonal savings were consumed to survive, daily bills and out of pocket medical costs. His wife had been 100% disabled and recognized so since 1987.

Larry's love and commitment to his Country was infinite and would have fought for it and served it, at any time and in any way he was needed or could be useful.

Truly, an exceptional man that I wish everybody had or could have known. He asked little for himself, but gave allot to anyone who asked for it, and even to those who did not!

Family was the most important part of his life, and showed it daily. A proud man who never wanted to put Dr. Lawrence E. Northup Jr. in front of his name. He always said he accomplished it for himself, not to impress others.

Larry spent 20 years and 4 days in the US AIR FORCE; he had joined in 1968 at 17 years old.

His twenty years of continuous Military Service was spent mostly oversea. He was in South East Asia, Okinawa, Thailand and the "unproven Vietnam," Italy, Germany, Guam, Japan, Philippines and here in his loved United States of America.

Following Boot Camp, his first Tour of Duty was in Okinawa 1970 to 1973 and Thailand 1974 to 1975.

While in South East Asia, he was recruited several times for TDY's by Air America/CIA in support of other missions. Red Horse and Triple Nickel were very familiar to him.

He drove and fixed heavy equipment vehicles including fire trucks for the Air Force and even served in the Air Police at least in one mission. He Drove up and down A-1 in Vietnam hauling who knows what. He obeyed and never asked questions, worked long hours and even manufactured parts when none were available, the job needed to be done!

He was the NCOIC in Small Arms were he had also cross-trained later in his career, in Mountain Home, ID and in Albuquerque, NM.

Sadly, his story reflects and fits that of many others who were called to serve their Country. These soldiers proudly and with honor performed without questions and went beyond the call of duty. Often recruited on covert operations with no orders, Lawrence as too many others paid the price twice: Once During Active Duty and upon their return home. Later forgotten when the illnesses set in due to Chemical Exposures.

His medical history though ignored or perhaps misdiagnosed goes back to Okinawa with "chest pains". Depressions

through the years and bad sleeping habits (including night mares of which I can attest) indicative of PTSD were ignored. The heart problems presented themselves again and again while on Active Duty but disregarded. Following retirement more hearth attacks with a final death treatening quadruple and valve repair done in 2001. Sleep Apnea was also diagnosed through the years, but took me, his wife an additional 3 years and calls to Washington to have it addressed. He slept with the machine. We finally thought the worse was over, when in November, 2006 we went to the VA Hospitals Emergency. He was being violently sick with vomiting and tremendous headaches. On the first two visits over a perios of 1 week, he was diagnosed with sinusites and bladder infection. Although, I am not a medical person I could see that it was much more serious then that. We finally obtained a CT Scan and were told that Larry had Stage 4 Terminal Cancer! One to Two months of life they said! WE were told that this of uncurable and agresive cancer developed and spread in just two to three weeks. Hard to believe!!! What happened to stages 1,2 and 3? None of the doctors would give satisfactory answers on why it was not found earlier. From November 2006 to April 1, 2007, yes the VA Hospital gave him good care, unfortunately all previous care caused the inevitable and could never be undone.

To date Vets are unable to prove their presence in this combat zone, Vietnam! They should not have to, as the Government knows all and won't tell!

Much research has been done regarding areas of heavy spraying, including the amounts not only in South East Asia but also here in our United States.

Unfortunately much of the General American Public is unaware of these facts as they are well hidden.

Exposure symptoms for many develops through years of health signals too often ignored by the medical profession.

Veterans lack of proper medical diagnoses, specialized staff, instruments and beds complicates the situation. Our Government continuously tells us how much it cares for the Soldiers, but Actions speak Louder then Words! So about it Senate and Congress? Veteran Hospital Funds are always being cut to save money, very Patriotic! You in Washington, by cutting the most needed programs, you are cutting the heart of America!

The Soldier's medical deductions continue to rise as we now see happening in Tricare, Social Security and for some in the VA Health System.

When Vets need medical attention and pension benefits they are met with lengthy waiting periods, then denials! Appeals take yet years, perhaps in hope that the Vets will die and no monies will be spent. The stress and tribulations are many even when sick and critical resulting in many people giving up as they are reduced to "Begging." If a Vet dies, the family has to restart the process. why? These are earned benefits promised by our Government for life sacrifices. Is it not enough giving your life for your Country in Enemy Territory during combat? Why must a Soldier be made to beg for help, if by the Grace of God he returns home? Are they just to be used immediately when needed, then forgotten and thrown to the wolves?

There are many Veterans still in South East Asia who have never been brought home, thus allowing their families closure. Too many are still homeless or barely scraping the bottom of the barrel. How can we fight terrorism when we cannot care for our own? Both the military and the government fail to inform the soldiers and their families as to what really happens when and if they do return home. Little or no information is given to the General Public regarding anything dealing with the military, believe me it is much different then the outside world.

Do soldiers know before hand what they might face in the future? No, they are told join and see the world. Why are these brave soldiers not warned and told that, risking their life in Enemy Territory while in combat is only the beginning? Lawrence and many others have only received Ingratitude, disrespect and insults! Vietnam Vets, to date have endured being spitted on, urinated on, feces thrown at them, called "Baby Killers", War Losers, EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE most develops PTSD and Heart Problems. Soldiers and their families endure much sacrifice, physical and mental pain, economical and ultimately great sorrow.

Will our Government ever make it right for those who died and are dying?

Government still ignores and avoids the Vietnam Era. Exposure to chemicals of this nature casually connected to their Military Service manifest them and destroys one's life in many ways. Why has it been and still is hush, hush by our Government? Why have the Soldiers of this particular Era of War been singled out and denied what they were promised? Are not all soldiers Hero's and Patriots, no matter which period of War? Are their sacrifices, love and dedication to our Country not as meritorious as others were before them who gave their life for our Freedom? The Government Thank you to these Soldiers are very overdue! Are Politicians not Americans?

It is time the Government (Elected Politicians); make this grave wrong...Right.

If our Politicians do not stop delaying and keep ignoring these Special, brave soldiers, and their families: What can the NOW hero's expect when returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan?

Will it be a continuation or a worse scenario in history for the glory of our Nation?

Neither the Vietnam War nor the Iraq War were wanted by most of the American People. It was and is, in my opinion a decision that benefited and still does benefit only those who want to capitalize without regard for Human Life.

This wonderful still young and much loved husband, father, friend and Hero will never be able to enjoy "a little quality life, nor ever see the birth or his grandchildren!"

Many have already died through the years. Too many are now awaiting the same fate as my husband. The Vietnam Era should have thought us something, but apparently, not enough as the Vets of Iraq and Afghanistan show already signs of the system and laws worsening. Present scandals should be a strong warning for all Americans to unite and say "Enough is enough", Politicians do your job!" If you can't take care of us, then resign so we can elect someone who can and will.

Lawrence E. Northup Jr., is just one statistic of the untold stories! Many other heroes' are presently awaiting the same fate and disregard.

Shamefully and disgracefully, our Government continues to ignore and wrongfully deny benefits to these Vets and their families who are entitled to it. Better, give it to the illegal workers. I now ask, "Who are the real Americans here?" These soldiers have been doubly betrayed: Used in "unlawful" covert operations to finance wars (with arms & drugs as

referenced in the library of congress and other reliable sources).

What an Ungrateful Nation! Those who have been **elected should** take notice of the present climate in America regarding this grave situation and do “their” duty. America is your priority and the reason you are in Washington!

Vietnam Vets exposure to Agent Orange is a reality that you have been hiding! More and more people are becoming aware of it. It is now time for all "honest Politicians" to come to the aid of their Countrymen."

There are many supporting Veterans organizations in America today, but onle one that I know of, welcomes back, assists and give medals of honor to Vietnam War Veteran hero's for exposure to Agent Orange: **The ORDER OF THE SILVER ROSE**. Perhaps, a gesture not recognized by Government, it's importance stands on the symbolism that it represents. Having to do yourself Vets, what shameful Government! Past and present Presidents of either party owe all of our Vietnam Vets a big “Thank” you and to truly appreciate their valor and sacrifice. Stop humiliating, insulting, disregarding, forgetting and making them beg for what they earned. Otherwise, Washington you fight your own wars and earn your own freedom.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

A Loving wife and an activist for Pro-Vietnam Vet

April 8, 2007

<http://news.webshots.com/album/557087248ENjhCm>

Larry's family is trying to find anyone who might recognize him while he served in South East Asia and whom might be able to attest that "he did" serve TDY's in Vietnam. He was known then as "Lurch". Please visit this site, you might find your own picture in it.

Thank you.

Our Deepest Sympathy
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