



## Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper

February 7, 1940 - June 23, 2020

Ms. Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper, 80, of Conyers, GA passed on Tuesday June 23, 2020. Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday July 9, 2020 in our chapel. Live Streaming Service will be held on Thursday July 9, 2020. Visitation will be July 8, 2020 from 2-4 PM. Interment Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home Inc. Rockdale Chapel 1999 Hwy 138 SE Conyers, GA 30013 (770)285-6673.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadows Memorial Garden

677 Legion Rd NE  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett - Rockdale Chapel  
1999 Hwy 138 SE  
Conyers , GA 30013

## Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 1:11 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Rockdale Chapel  
1999 Hwy 138 SE  
Conyers , GA 30013

# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - July 01, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CC

*Tribute in memory is Oraine Gottsleben -Roper*

*Vintage Oraine ; Eldest of the GOTTSLEBENS*

*Big sister*

*Made Daddy happy*

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*We learn to value*

*What we cannot keep with us.*

*We missed a jewel!*

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*You can cry and close your mind,*

*Be empty and turn your back,*

*Or you can do what she'd want,*

*Smile open you eyes,*

*Love and go on!*

*Gottsleben sblings*

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**Clare Carey** - July 07, 2020 at 11:27 AM

NE

*Our deepest condolences to the family of sister Roper from brother and sister Etinoffe. She will be greatly missed. Sleep in peace until the first resurrection. 🙏📖❤️*

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**Nathaniel Etinoffe** - July 08, 2020 at 08:41 PM

MA

“ *Margo lit a candle in memory of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper*



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**Margo** - July 09, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JM

“ To my dear beloved cousin Oraine. You are missed and will be missed. No more daily phone calls. No more daily news update. No more family updates. No longer will I be able to talk about the good times we had when you were living with us and helping to take care of us as our parents went to work. I can remember all of us in the house got poisoned from cavally fish. All this time I blamed my Dad because he loved that fish and then you told me it was you who bought the fish. Since then you never ate fish again.

My mother, Wulini Huggins was her favorite aunt. You all were very close and were good ballroom dancers. When she moved to St. Croix you both continued that close relationship. You always checked in to see how she was doing.

You followed in the footsteps of your grandfather William Butler who was also an educator. You liked to see children do well. He always encouraged them to read.

You conquered the biggest fear of your life and that was math which allowed to get your degree in education. And so you did the same thing with your illness. You never gave up. You fought and fought until the end.

I am so glad that I was able to prepare you your last meals. I did not know the end was near but I know you wanted certain dishes. I know you did enjoy every bit of them. You got everything wanted and more.

The Butler's Family, The Glasford's Family and the Huggins' Family send their condolences.

Before I say goodbye, I want to leave you with this poem:

*The Mansion of Heaven*

*“This world, however beautiful,  
Was never meant to be  
The place that we would call our home  
For all eternity.  
And though we would not choose to leave,  
A loving God knows best,  
And in His time He lifts us  
To a place of peace and rest.*

*For He has built a mansion  
Where His children will abide  
Free from pain and sorrow,  
Forever at His side.  
He said He'd never leave us  
To face our trials alone,  
And though sometimes we fail Him,  
He never fails His own.*

*And even when our choices  
Are less than He would ask,  
He knows when human courage  
Is unequal to the task.  
We cannot judge what happens,  
Though tears and questions start,  
We only see what's visible—  
God sees into the heart...*

*And though there may be many things  
That we cannot explain,  
We can be sure it breaks His heart  
To see His children's pain.  
In loving arms He bears us  
to a quiet place apart  
Where He mends the wounded spirit  
And heals the broken heart.*

*And though these ones we love so much  
Have left our present sight  
And passed into a better world  
Of majesty and light,  
Someday we'll be together  
In our Father's home above  
Where we'll thank Him for His mercy  
And praise Him for His love.*

*May God ease your hour of sorrow*

*And surround you with His love,  
And may it bring you strength to know  
Our Father's house above  
Is a house of many mansions  
Where His Son has set aside  
Special places near Him  
For His love ones to abide.*

*Your loving Aunt, Cousins and Families  
Joycelyn , Ethelred and Cadell Martin  
Wulini, James, Floris and Glenda Huggins*

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**JOYCELYN MARTIN** - July 09, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MB

“ *M. Bryan lit a candle in memory of Oraine L.  
Gottsleben-Roper*



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**M. Bryan** - July 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM

VT

“ *To my Auntie,*

*I am going to miss you dearly. Our weekly talks are no more. Auntie again Thank you for your wisdom and loving me. Showing your love through the years. Tearing up. This is so hard. Praying I find peace knowing its not goodbye but see you later. RIP Auntie. Love you ALWAYS.*

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**Vernarine Tuckett** - July 09, 2020 at 09:53 AM

VE

“ Vernarine lit a candle in memory of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper



Vernarine - July 09, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MA

“ Madona Abraham sent a virtual gift in memory of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper



Madona abraham - July 08, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LF

“ Lots of Love, Margo and family, Carla and family. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper.



Lots of Love, Margo and family, Carla and family. - July 08, 2020 at 04:18 PM

MP

“ In loving memory of a dear friend Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper.

*My dearest friend, sister in Christ and co-worker. I enjoyed working with Oraine at Caribbean Community School. She was quite the teacher that made sure students learn in and out of her class. As a colleague teaching with Oraine, she shared any and all information she knew or recently learned; quite an educational source to all. She was always vibrant even to the time I recently I spoke to her on the phone leaving me with encouraging words. Oraine was always smiling, kept me on my toes in history, a joy to converse with, helpful and dependable. She was devoted, dependable, funny, and creative.*

*I will not forget my sister in Christ, attending church at Central SDA church, St. Croix and then lunch with her and family. We had lots of good times attending different activities at church.*

*"A beautiful soul is never forgotten."*



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**Margo Peterson** - July 08, 2020 at 03:59 PM

MA

*To sister Roper' family. May you find comfort in God's word. Rest in peace my dear sister.*

*Madona Abraham*

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**Madona abraham** - July 08, 2020 at 04:27 PM

HA

*Thank you is all I can say to all, for your calls, visits, and words of comfort to my family and I aduring this time. Blessings !!*

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**Hazelene** - July 09, 2020 at 05:27 AM

SA

“ In loving memory of my aunt and a mother figure O. G. That's the shortened form for Oraine Gottleben. This is the name we decided that I must call her because aunty was for old people and she is not old.

She was a loving, caring, hardworking, devoted, encouraging, very supportive, , protective, strict disciplinarian and God fearing woman and mother to me. She would make sure every Saturday Mr. Charley Mack comes to take me to the Christiansted Seventh-day Adventist church even if she wasn't going. This was a new and strange experience for me. Each time I would return from church, she would me many questions and not giving me time to catch my breath in answering each question. She would ask who preach, what the sermon was about, what text he used from the bible, and if I saw several persons she would name. She just loved to talk and I am the opposite. So I decided to get a notebook and take notes .As a teenager, I didn't like this or the strict part, but as I matured I realized, understood and appreciated that it was all about her love for me and she was training me for life. This made me who I am today.

I am happy and grateful most of all in her living the life and introducing me to give my life to God and being a part of God's Remnant church.

During the times we communicated when she was in the hospital through zoom, my husband David and I would always end in prayer. She would give us the thumbs up and wave bye.

Thumbs up! O. G. has no more pain and is asleep until Jesus comes on that Great Resurrection day.

Until then , sleep on.

Sheralyn Carey Alexander and family.

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Sheralyn Carey Alexander - July 07, 2020 at 06:35 PM

CT

*To Hazelime & Family  
Sheralyn Alexander & Family*

*Our sincere condolences to you on Sister Roper's passing. Thank God that through all her pain she never gave up. May God grant you the grace and strength to go through the rough days ahead. Our prayers are with you. God's keeping the "nightwatch" so sleep on my sister until the morning breaks.*

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**Cleveland & Rosetta Tonge** - July 08, 2020 at 07:00 PM

HA

*I need not say to much , because we share the same experiences almost with this Nevisian Jem. We will truly miss her, God knows we weren't ready for this but he was. We dont understand why now, but we know her pai is over, she would talk to me at nights when we both fought with not being able to sleep, about many things. Which would end in her telling me to plz live the life, that should we be seperated in this life, we will definitely be reunited on the "Earth made NEW". Love you ma. See you soon.*

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**Hazelene** - July 09, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ *In Loving memory of Auntie Oraine*

*It is quite difficult accepting the demise of Auntie Oraine. However, sweet memories fill our minds when we think of you and the sound advise you have to us. The advise given will forever be etched in our minds.*

*Auntie Oraine was an Aunt Par Excellence!*

*She and our mother, her sister Hayacinth , of Blessed Memory share a special bond. Suffice it to say, Auntie Oraine names most of our mother's children. This she would proudly let everyone know and she never failed to remind us. Auntie Oraine loves us and the love was mutual.*

*Auntie Oraine has a passion for education, gardening , writing and poetry . She was great orator! When the opportunity presented itself , she engaged us in many conversations, be it education, politics or many trip down memory lane on places and events on her native land, Nevis.*

*Auntie Oraine was a God-fearing woman. She loves God and dedicated her life to serving Him and fellow mankind. She was a blessing to many!*

*Auntie Oraine will forever live on in our hearts.*

*Sleep on , Auntie Oraine , until we meet again!*

*Fondly remembered by your nieces and nephews on Nevis.*

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**Clare Carey** - July 07, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Tribute to Sister Oraine Gottsleben -Roper

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*Gottsleben Siblings*

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**Clare Carey** - July 07, 2020 at 11:39 AM

YD

“ *Your sister Deseree purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper.*



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**Your sister Deseree** - July 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM

“ A tribute to the Memory of Oraine L.G Roper

*Does Jesus care when we say goodbye, to the dearest on earth to us.*

*Oraine Roper is... was (it is so hard to think of her in the past tense) one of my dearest friends on earth. We met in 1985 when she joined the staff at Caribbean Community school in St.Croix. When she learned that I too, was Nevisian and taught English like her we bonded instantly, and it was as if we had known each other all of our lives. I immediately became a member of the family. Even her husband whom I affectionately called daddy Roper, frequently marveled at the nature of the bond between us! Not even her daughter, Hazelene, whom she loved more than life itself, was allowed to get between us. In 1995 Oraine with her entire family on board hosted our wedding at her home with its beautiful garden in St.Croix a blood sister could not have embraced us more, and we loved her no ends in return. My husband became her tailor she loved clothes but she cherished her own custom designs!*

*Oraine loved life, gardening, shopping, education, reading, writing, writing poetry her friends and family, her church, people , most of all, she loved God and dedicated her life to serving him and others. She adored her husband Hazelene Sherilyn and her grandchildren. She would give her life to make them happy. It blessed her to served others. That is why all of us who knew and loved her can rejoice in the blessed HOPE of the resurrection. Until then May we all cherish and treasure her memory. To Hazelene and Sherilyn and your family and all other relatives and friends be secure, in the knowledge that Oraine loved all of us with her whole heart.*

*Does Jesus Care..Oh yes he cares!*

*We thank God for her life and love.*

*Pamella Melville and Tassai Pemberton*

*Nevis.*

**Tassai Pemberton** - July 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM

KH

“ *RIP sis Roper you are such a wonderful person, the Hazlewood family*

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**Kathleen hazlewood** - July 04, 2020 at 03:40 PM

FB

“ *Mrs. Roper was indeed a woman grounded in her faith, she had a way with her that was calm yet sturdy in her teaching, she believed in God and his words. Through her teaching I learned a lot of the Bible, she was a fearless woman in her own way. Mrs. Roper made an impact in my life as a student at the Caribbean Community School, I remember when a few of the students tried to make her angry but she never lost her cool, great woman indeed. Rest In Peace Mrs. Roper. Your memory will forever live on.*

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**Faylyn Browne** - July 04, 2020 at 02:56 PM

AS

“ Mrs. Roper. I just learned of your passing and it instantly transported my subconscious back to the days of Caribbean Community School. As I reflected I realized how much time has passed since the days of you teaching myself and countless others in that small and humble place we called school. How can I ever forget your words of encouragement, wisdom, and pure spirit. From teaching us about God, to the do's and do nots of the English language , and everything in between. I can proudly say that your life has impacted mines for the better, and has left me a better person as a result. Looking back I realize the passion of your work was humanitarian above all else. Your selfless concern for our well being and ultimate success in life will always be remembered on my part. My soul Thanks yours as I wish you a peaceful journey into the hereafter. May God grant peace and blessings upon family and friends who have been left behind as we all continue to cherish your memory and legacy. Rest In Peace. Condolences to the family, friends and Hazelene Titre my sister in spirit. Peace be upon you all.

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**Abdallah Salamah** - July 04, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AC

My family and I send our sincere condolences to Hazelene and the entire family. It's a sad moment on the passing of Sis Roper , a woman with a big heart , always sharing and encouraging. May her legacy lives on . Keep hope alive in this trying time . It's never an easy road to go through this dreadful valley .  
We are deeply sorry for your loss . May God continue to strengthen and guide your footsteps at this lowest point .  
Fr Alec and Family .

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**Alec Challenger** - July 04, 2020 at 02:20 PM

VT

“ Valerie Tyson-Reynolds lit a candle in  
memory of Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper



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**Valerie Tyson-Reynolds** - July 03, 2020 at 08:18 PM

VT

“ I have spent the last few days, since your passing, reminiscing about my childhood as you are so intertwined in many of those memories. You use to call me “old soul” as I loved covering my hair with a head tie as a child. I recall the fun times and even the disagreements, which up to months ago we laughed about. We use to butt heads at times as I did not always agree with your take on things, but as I matured, I began to better understand your perspective. You were there as I grew up, from childhood to youth, then as a parent myself and in the process, transitioned from being a parental figure to a friend. As an adult, I learned to value your input and your encouragement, particularly when I became a mother. You gave me pointers as well as accolades in the process. You loved to chuckle and recall the antics of my strong willed first born, but always said “you handled things well”.

*I treasure the conversations we had, catching up as if we had recently spoken, when a year or two had actually pass since we last spoke. I remember the way your eyes would twinkle when you had some funny story to tell or smart remake to make. I loved your cynicism, perhaps because I am equally cynical, so we got each other’s dry humor. Your love for poetry reminded me of my mother’s love for literature and I recall how you would exchange books, both sharing a love for poets like Maya Angelou. I found your creativity fascination, although sometimes a bit cheezy. Both you and my mother loved happy endings to story, while I would challenge you all with “Is that realistic though?” only to get the side eye. In truth though, whenever I read the poem Phenomenal Woman, you came to mind. I admired your poise which expressed both dignity and grace. You were confident, kind, thoughtful and proud of the woman that you were...*

*“Now you understand  
Just why my head’s not bowed.  
I don’t shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,*

*It ought to make you proud.*

*I say,*

*It's in the click of my heels,*

*The bend of my hair,*

*the palm of my hand,*

*The need for my care.*

*'Cause I'm a woman*

*Phenomenally.*

*Phenomenal woman,*

*That's me."*

*Excerpt from Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman"*

*from And Still I Rise. Copyright © 1978*

*I am grateful that I was able to keep in touch with you during this past year. Whenever we spoke you always encouraged me to stay faithful and to pray. As you lay in the hospital, my last words to you were, "Trust God. He loves you and will never leave you or forsake you. You are not alone". I did not think I would not speak with you again. I now comfort myself with these very words as think about you. I pray for comfort for Hazelene and family who you spent your last days with, Sherilyn and family and all other family members. I pray that they too hold fast to the hope and promise you had in God, through his son Jesus, our Savoir and Redeemer.*

*Sleep on my dear friend. See you in the morning, never to part again.*

*Valerie Tyson-Reynolds*

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**Valerie Tyson-Reynolds** - July 03, 2020 at 08:15 PM

DW

“ To my dear loving sister Oraine. I am having a hard time believing that you are gone, but I am happy to know that you are out of pain and sufferinh. I know that one day we would meet again around God's throne and there will be no more parting. We will rejoice on that faithful day when grieving and mourning will be no more. When we are sunder there is much inward pain but in the presence of the Lord we shall still be joined in heart. Until we meet again.  
Love you sis.



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**Deseree Wynter** - July 03, 2020 at 07:00 PM

PR

“ Hazelene and Family,  
Our love, thoughts, prayers, and condolences, go out to you as you go through this time of sorrow and grief. May the love, prayers of family and close friends, along with the comfort, resting in the loving arms of Jesus, as He is acquainted with our sorrows and grief, sustain you during this time.  
Pastor Campbell and Phyllis Rogers

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**Phyllis Rogers** - July 03, 2020 at 04:46 PM

GB

“ Genna Benjamin lit a candle in memory of  
Oraine L. Gottsleben-Roper



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**Genna Benjamin** - June 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM

GB

“ I am saddened to hear of Sister Roper's passing. She and I bonded over our love for English. We used to swap poems and literary pieces, and she would always encourage me.

To the family,

Please accept my condolences; I encourage you to be strong in the LORD. His arms will sustain you.

In his care,

Genna

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**Genna Benjamin** - June 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MI

“ Dear Hazelene, I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you. I will never forget her kindness. May God give her eternal rest and the family the strength to bear this great pain. Please rest in God's promises may He comfort and guide you during this difficult time. Love always The Massiah, Beresford and Romain Family

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**Michelle** - June 30, 2020 at 05:49 AM

DS

“ *We Had a Wonderful Aunt*  
*Author Unknown*

*We had a wonderful aunt,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful aunt,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
She will like what she sees.*

*I love you and miss you Aunty Oraine*

*~Denisha and Demetri*

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**Denisha Sweeney** - June 29, 2020 at 10:27 PM

HT

“ *Oraine L. Gottsleben--Roper. The name of one outstandingly awesome, ever grateful, Patient, Loving, and God-- fearing woman, otherwise known to me and by me as, Mom !! I am going to miss her greatly. I feel the grave emptiness in my heart and soul, since her passing. I knew this day would come, honestly I could've never been prepared for this, so I wish folk would stop telling me that I should've been ready. Both parents are deceased now God rest their soul's, but all I can do to find peace and relief in this time, is make sure I make my calling an Election sure. I do want and need to meet them in the Sweet By and By. Love you mommy, see you later!*

Hazelene Titre - June 29, 2020 at 06:25 PM

LN

*My condolences go out to Hazelene and to the entire Gottsleben-Roper family. RIP Mrs.Roper until Jesus return for His love ones.*


Leona Nicholas - June 29, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CH

*I'm so sorry Hazelene. Prayinf for strength. Love u girlie!!!*

Clara Hodge - June 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM

VW

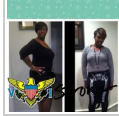
*Oh Hazelene, I have great memories of your Mom and send my prayers up to the most high that he will comfort and wipe away your tears... *

Vernel Wallace - June 30, 2020 at 08:17 AM

LR

*My condolences to the family of Mrs Roper. She was indeed a lady of distinction. She will be missed.*

lisa Richards Ryan - July 01, 2020 at 08:16 AM



*I will be praying with you for that great resurrection day, sleep in peace Sis Roper, Hazlene sending some love and strength ur way 🙏🏻🙏🏻❤*

**Shawnae Hazlewood** - July 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM

SA

*O. G. (short for Oraine Gottsleben). That's the name we decided on to call her. She didn't want me to call her aunty because she said that would make people think she was old. She has been like a mother to me. She was loving, caring, devoted, hard working, very very protective of me, a strict disciplinarian and God fearing. She would make sure every Saturday Mr. Mack would come and pick me up for church even though she didn't go. This was strange to me because I was not accustomed to going church on that day. As a teenager I didn't like the strict part. As I matured, I understood and appreciated it then. This is what made me who I am today. O.G. is not in pain anymore. During the times we communicated through zoom while she was in the hospital, my husband and I would end with prayer. She would then give us a thumbs up and wave bye. Thumbs up to O.G.! Sleep on until Jesus comes on that resurrection day.*  
*Sheralyn Carey Alexander*

**Sheralyn Alexander** - July 05, 2020 at 11:52 AM



*Thanks to all for the many calls, prayers, and encouragement through these trying times.*

**Hazelene Titre** - July 16, 2020 at 08:29 PM