



Thomas A. Barnes

September 22, 1948 - June 7, 2017

Hampton, NH - Thomas Alfred "Tom" Barnes, 68, of Hampton, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

He was born in Medford, MA on September 22, 1948, a son of the late Charles and Ruth (Perigard) Barnes.

Tom was a graduate of Saint Clement High School in Medford, MA. After honorably serving his country in the United States Navy, Tom earned his Bachelor's Degree from Boston State College in 1979 and in 1988, Tom received his Diploma of Graduation from Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He was also a graduate of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Leadership Program.

He began his career as a bank examiner with the Massachusetts Banking Department and subsequently served as the treasurer of a mutual savings bank in Portsmouth, NH. Tom then served as a regulator and eventual Deputy Director with the U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) from 1989 to its' sunset in July 2011, where he was responsible for examinations, supervisions, and consumer protection. Tom has been a speaker and panelist at numerous banking and thrift forums, taught as an adjunct instructor at the University of New Hampshire and served on the board of incorporation of a local hospital.

After retirement from OTS, Tom served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer to both The Cooperative Bank in Roslindale, MA and the National Capital Bank in Washington, DC and was later elected to Chairman of the Board of Directors for both banks.

Proudly, Tom was also an active and dedicated lifetime member of the Ice Cream Club in Cape Coral, FL. He was a rare person who combined his intelligence, compassion, and humor to get problems solved. He had respect of, and for, all his colleagues and the love of, and for, his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who crossed his path.

Tom was a loving and devoted husband and father to wife Marianne E. (Lombardo) Barnes, daughter Regina Mary Barnes, son Michael Thomas Barnes and daughter-in-law Michelle (Lacroix) Barnes. In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by his brother Stephen Barnes.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2016 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 AM at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Family, friends and associates are respectfully invited.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas A. Barnes*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Just today saw this about Tom - so saddened to learn this. I was Tom's secretary at the last position he held at the Office of Thrift Supervision. He was surely a great person and a super boss. I fondly remember the time I spent working with him.*

Faith Davis - December 16, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ *To the Barnes family:
Please accept my belated condolences. I worked with Tom for a number of years at the OTS. As a native New Yorker, I have always been an ardent Yankee fan. Tom forgave me. In fact, we had an ongoing conversation that spanned years, with no beginning and no end; just picking up where we last left off or based on current events, and always with great mutual respect for our teams and for each other. When I think of his Red Sox, I think of Tom, and I am therefore constantly reminded of the power of his personality and wisdom.*

Michael Solomon

Michael Solomon - July 10, 2017 at 03:31 PM

DG

“ To the Barnes Family - Please accept my belated condolences. I only learned of Tom's passing today. I knew Tom when I worked at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in New York, and he worked across the river at the Office of Thrift Supervision. One of the last times I saw Tom was several years ago when I went to work for the Treasury Department. He reached out and generously offered his support. "Call me anytime," he said. Tom was tough, funny, and fair. He will be missed.

Donna Gambrell

Donna Gambrell - July 01, 2017 at 11:18 PM

SL

“ To Regina and your family, I send my most sincere condolences. Please remember that God is with you in your time of loss; closer than a falling tear, He's ever present and always near. - Stephen LaBranche

Stephen LaBranche - June 16, 2017 at 10:46 PM

DD

“ Our hearts are with you all. So many fond Christmas Eve memories with your family when I was a little boy on Presidential Circle. You are in our thoughts.

David W. DeFranzo

david defranzo - June 13, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 13, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ *Average Americans have no idea of the important contributions Tom made to their welfare in helping steer the nation's financial institutions out of financial crisis. Those of us close to that work know he was a regulator's regulator.*

Michael Van Buskir - June 13, 2017 at 11:27 AM

“ I can't think about Tom Barnes without smiling. My memories of him are filled with his infectious smile and his quick wit. When I met him at a regulators breakfast in 1998 I couldn't have imagined how important he would come to be over the first 10 years of my career. Along with his smile I remember his first compliment to me was regarding the confidence and strength of my handshake.

Tom took me to buy my first TV as an adult and helped me haul it up 3 flights of NYC apartment stairs. He did so simply because I asked and because he had recently done an exhaustive amount of research on televisions to purchase, so his expertise came in handy and he thought I should take advantage of that.

When I sent him out to the local supermarket the night of my annual Oscar party for something I was missing, he returned with 50 lb bag of rice simply because he could. He marveled that it was available for purchase and the bargain price. That night, he used it as a foot rest. I probably made him three additional meals from it because it took me well over a year to make my way through the whole bag.

Quarterly dinners at Presto's in Jersey City with Vicky will forever be my favorite memories I suspect. It was a time to break bread over a great meal and talk about everything from pop culture, to movies, to the latest fix it/home improvement project Tom was working on. He was insatiably curious and I always felt like what I had to say mattered to Tom. He took my opinions and thought process seriously, a rare thing as a twenty-something, Latina working in Non Profit housing. In a professional world that didn't care about seeing me for who I was, Tom believed in my voice and helped me find ways to amplify it.

Thomas A. Barnes was simply put one of the finest human beings to wander the planet. His razor sharp sense of humor, his incomparable integrity and his unending capacity for kindness never ceased to be a marvel to me. I had the good fortune to call Tom my friend. But more than anything else Tom was one of the great

mentors of my adulthood. His leadership and wisdom and talent to nurture it in others made me feel as though I had found the golden ticket in my 20s. In fact, rarely a week goes by that I don't say, do or recall something I learned from Tom. I haven't seen Tom in 6 years. The last time I did he came over for dinner and spent time playing with Arianna. We talked about my career and how I was managing parenthood and the workload. He told me stories about his children that reflectively was to reinforce to me to make sure I always center my decision making on what was best for my family. It was an ordinary night with an extraordinary person. I adored him.

At a time when I needed a voice of reason on my shoulder most Tom was there. He would take my calls, respond to my emails seeking advice and scenario roll play work decisions with me, play devil's advocate and provide unvarnished truth about situations, observations about me and recommendations for how to move forward. His advice, wisdom and guidance was always about making certain I was always approaching my career and my life from an offensive position. Tom loved life so intentionally, it was inspiring and humbling. Even though I hadn't seen him in years, I can't believe he is gone. Marianne, Regina, and Michael, my deepest condolences to you and the rest of your family at this difficult time. I wish I could be there today to pay my respects.

Rest in Peace Tom. Your lessons live on and I am forever grateful to have learned them.

With deep sympathy and appreciation,

Dalissa Vargas



Dalissa Vargas - June 13, 2017 at 08:20 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.* ”



June 13, 2017 at 08:10 AM

“ Dear Marianne and Family

It is with a heavy heart this week that I say goodbye to one of my best friends. There are many quotes about friends that some up these relationships, but none of them give him justice. Tom was an all-around great guy.

I met Tom in 1990 when we were co-workers at OTS; Tom walked right up to me and started a conversation. This is how our friendship started and continued until Wednesday morning when we had our last talk. I had the privilege to getting to know him well outside the office after he became a snow bird and Marianne, Tom, my wife Sandra, and I spent many Saturday nights out joking and reminiscing about past events. Besides our normal Saturday dinners, we enjoyed numerous vacations together. Last year Tom invited me to D.C. to see the Nationals play which gave me the opportunity to meet several of his other close friends. Tom and I were always supportive of each other's family, and even though his son Michael and my daughter Julie were married within a week of each other we both were there supporting the other. Tom recommended Stephen, my son, for a bank managerial job in D.C.; a place he know calls home. Tom was not just a friend, he was family. I enjoyed his company, and the moments our families have spent together.

Those moments have now become cherished memories. Over these past few days my family and I have been reminiscing about Tom and thinking how grateful we were to have him in our life. That is the essence of Tom Barnes, he would make everyone feel comfortable and speak with you like you were the only person in a room, even if there were 100 other people around. He would joke, smile, and be happy. He would make others laugh. My family and I will miss our friend, we will miss the vacations we had planned to take, and the great guy that no one can replace.

We love you Marianne, Regina, Michael, and Michelle.

Robert, Sandra, and Stephen Pauly; Julie and David Leiendecker

Robert E. Pauly - June 13, 2017 at 06:24 AM

LG

“ *Linda A Guarino purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



Linda A Guarino - June 12, 2017 at 10:35 PM

LG

“ *Tommy I will miss your quick wit and jokes. Always liked how you made me think. You will be missed. But I know with all the kindness and generosity you exhibited you are in Heaven with God. May your family find Peace in knowing you are in Good Hands. God Bless you & Much love to Marianne, Regina & Michael. You were blessed to have such a great father and husband.*

Linda A Guarino - June 12, 2017 at 09:59 PM

JG

“ To the Barnes family,

We are so heartbroken for the loss of Mr. Barnes. He was always full of energy, and his witty sense of humor was always admired! We always looked forward to seeing him at family events, and most importantly he treated Jackson and Madeline like his own. Slipping them \$20 and his "spend half and SAVE half will always be a part of us."

He always brightened the room and was always very interesting to listen to, even though we had to think twice (or more) to figure out his riddles! We are sorry Marianne, Regina, Mike and Michelle.

*With Love,
Jeff, Megan, Jackson, and Madeline Gregoire*

Jeff and Megan Gregoire - June 12, 2017 at 08:08 PM

DL

“ *My family and I first met the Barnes family (Tom, Marianne and Regina) when our daughter began dating Michael. We saw from the very start that Michael was a special young man and could see that he was raised by special people. Tom set the bar when it came to respect, responsibility, devotion to family and being a gentlemen. His kindness and understanding in every situation gave you a sense of acceptance and calmness. His wit and unique smile always left you with a feeling that it will all work out. My family and I will miss Tom, but will always have him with us in our hearts and memories.*

Dan & Donna Lacroix

Dan Lacroix - June 12, 2017 at 07:21 PM

BW

“ Tom,
From the days that we played softball at Tufts field to being on the "Planning Committee" for the FRMC, you have always been a great and loyal friend.

During all of your travels you never forgot to call me just to catch up. I will miss you deeply and will cherish so many fond memories of you.

Marianne, Regina, Michael and Michelle, words can't express how sorry we are for your loss. Sending our love and prayers.

Bob & Anne Williams

Bob Williams - June 12, 2017 at 06:27 PM



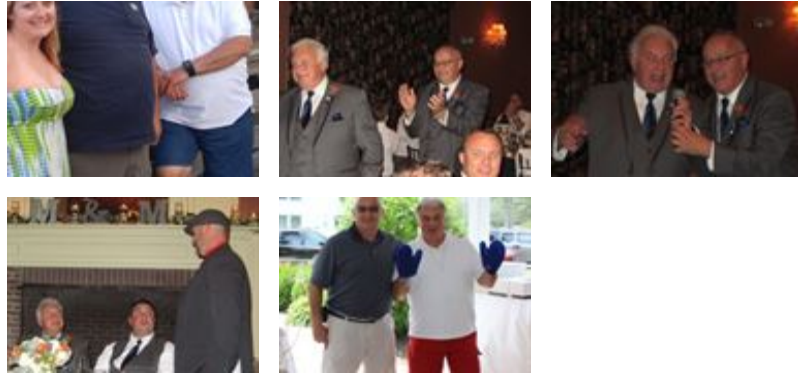
“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 12, 2017 at 03:02 PM



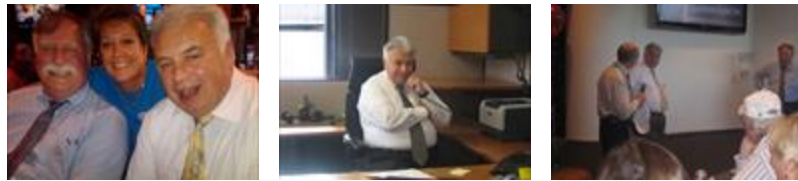
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *OTS Farewell July 14, 2011*



Beth Pettis - June 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM



I am stunned I will surely miss his quick wit and how he made me think. I am sure he is with God he was a kind and generous man. I pray for his family my cousin & friend

Linda Guarino - June 12, 2017 at 09:15 PM

ML

“ *Marty and Jeanne Lavelle purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



Marty and Jeanne Lavelle - June 12, 2017 at 12:41 PM

OP

“ *Our deepest sympathies, Aphrodite and Dean Plakias purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



Our deepest sympathies, Aphrodite and Dean Plakias - June 12, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 11:48 AM

JO

“ *Marianne, Regina and Michael,*

I can't even begin to express the level of sadness I've felt since hearing this news. Tom and your whole family have always been such important people in our family's lives. You're Richard's God parents but always treated me as if I was your godchild too. That meant the world to me. After my dad died, Tom didn't hesitate to step in and offer advice whenever he was needed. He looked out for us and both me and Richard felt that his wisdom and advice was as close as we could get to hearing it from our dad himself. He tried to help me find a job out in the NY area when he knew that was what would make me happy. He gave me financial advice and helped me through the process of refinancing my condo. He would call just to see how I was doing. I can't say enough how amazing of a man Tom was. I hope that during this time you're all able to find some peace knowing the impact that Tom had on the lives of so many people just by being his true, genuine self. I'm sure he was greeted by all his loved ones that left before him, and I know my dad was there with a cold beer waiting for him. I love you guys and I'm so very sorry.

Jen Oakley

Jennifer Oakley - June 12, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Denise, Stephanie, Chris, Katelyn, Allie and Lilly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



Denise, Stephanie, Chris, Katelyn, Allie and Lilly - June 12, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 12, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *It was so sad to learn of Tommy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you, at this difficult and unbearable time. May the love and memories ,that you hold in your hearts, bring you strength and comfort .*



Carol & Richie Silva

Carol&Richie Silva - June 11, 2017 at 09:55 PM

DS

“ *Directors of the Hingham Institution for Savings purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



Directors of the Hingham Institution for Savings - June 11, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 11, 2017 at 08:59 PM

NM

“ *I was so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Tom was a dynamo. He brought passion and energy to everything he did. My deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time.*
Neal Moran



Neal Moran - June 11, 2017 at 07:30 PM

DC

“ *Marianne, Michael, and Regina,
I am devastated at the loss of Tom. I have so many memories of him throughout my life, beginning with him walking me to school in the 1st and 2nd grades, our Christmases that we spent together. He taught me how to play hockey in the back yard. He took me to my first Patriots game when I was 8 or 9. I needed some help when I was building my house and he came over and we built a retaining wall outside. If I had a problem, I knew I could call him and discuss it. He was like a big brother to me. Tom was a very special person and an extraordinary cousin. I will miss him.*
Dave

Dave Caruso - June 11, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 11, 2017 at 06:44 PM

SV

“ *Tom,
I don't know where to begin to describe what you have meant to me and Elizabeth. Our friendship for over 50 years will never be forgotten. You were not only a great friend, but a trusted mentor. My heart will always have a place for you.
Marianne, Regina, Michael and Michelle, we share your pain but we also rejoice in his wonderful life. He touched so many people.
God Bless,
Elizabeth and Steve Venti*

Steve and Elizabeth Venti - June 11, 2017 at 03:20 PM

CC

“ Carol and Sammy Camelio purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.



Carol and Sammy Camelio - June 11, 2017 at 11:18 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Tom's loving family. He was truly a family man. Tom was a unique and incredible person, who touched so many people through his work at OTS. Tom mentored countless people, including me, with his caring, humorous and driven style. He was also the ultimate player/coach, willing to do anything to help the team regardless of titles or position. We, his colleagues at OTS, and the employees at hundreds of banks he supervised, were incredibly fortunate to have Tom in our presence.

Michael Finn

Michael Finn - June 11, 2017 at 10:38 AM

CC

“ Marianne, Regina, Michael and Michelle, no words can speak of the loss you must feel and our hearts go out to you in deepest sympathy. Tommy has always been thought of as one of my dearest friends. His kindness and willingness to help others made this wonderful and talented man a true success and his memory will be cherished. Tommy and your family will remain in my prayers...God bless you all .



Carol Rose Camelio

Carol Rose Camelio - June 11, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



June 10, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Tom was a great leader, motivator, and friend. He was an intelligent, high-energy individual who knew how to get things done and have fun doing it. We were fortunate to have him as a boss and especially grateful to have him as a friend. Our heartfelt condolences to Marianne and the family.*

The OTS Cleveland Field Office

Frank Lepa - June 10, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *From Charlie, Kurt, Marie and Zeke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.*



From Charlie, Kurt, Marie and Zeke - June 10, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ Tom was a dynamic leader who knew how to get things done by getting everyone to work together for a common goal. His leadership provided our group many opportunities to successfully resolve problems. But Tom was much more than a leader; he was a friend and mentor to the entire team.

Members of the OTS Cleveland Field Office

Leonard Farrell - June 10, 2017 at 11:35 AM

JD

“ Joe Donohue purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.



Joe Donohue - June 10, 2017 at 07:14 AM

DB

“ Directors and Staff of the National Capital Bank purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas A. Barnes.



Directors and Staff of the National Capital Bank - June 09, 2017 at 12:44 PM

ES

“ Tom Barnes was one of the best people I've ever known, and my heart goes out to his entire family. I worked with Tom in the late 1990s, when I was the Director of OTS. He was smart, kind, considerate, funny and absolutely knew what he was doing. He cared deeply for thrift customers, the institutions, and his fellow employees. I still use Tom Barnes stories to illustrate how important caring financial services are for all people, especially those not easily served. We kept in touch some when we were both in Chicago, but I lost touch more recently. I will miss him, as we all will.
With great affection,
Ellen Seidman

Ellen Seidman - June 09, 2017 at 07:46 AM

NR

So sorry for your loss. RIP.my heart goes out to his family.

Norma Rogers - June 09, 2017 at 03:03 PM

BS

Tom was a great colleague and boss. He had a marvelous, pithy sense of humor, which he used to make devastatingly critical insights into supervisory matters. He worked extremely hard and had a very impressive career. My condolences to his family, whom I know from my many conversations with him he loved very much.

Brian Steffey

Brian Steffey - June 09, 2017 at 03:51 PM

DO

Tom, my family could not have asked for a better, more supportive friend, especially since our devastating loss 4 years ago. You helped the "kids" and me in so many ways. Those now 32 year old "kids", have looked up to you as a second Dad, since they lost their own. Your love, compassion and humor have helped us in so many ways. Our hearts are broken, but we know that you will always be with us, in the special memories we have.

To Maryann, Regina and Michael - I am so very sorry for your loss of such a wonderful husband and father. He will never be forgotten by so very many people. Our love to all of you.

Tom, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Deb, Jen & Richard Oakley

Deb Oakley - June 10, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DB

Tom, your friendship has been a constant in my life for over 60 years. You will be so greatly missed by Barbara and me. A great friend and an even better husband and father. It was an honor to know you. Love to you, Marianne, Regina, Michael and Michelle.

David & Barbara Bates

David & Barbara Bates - June 10, 2017 at 08:45 PM

JB

My heart goes out to Tom's family. This sudden tragedy is heartbreaking for all of us who knew Tom. We will miss you!

Joy Burr

Joy Burr - June 11, 2017 at 10:12 AM

JR

As a retiree, former vice chairman of the FDIC and later director of the OTS, I held Tom Barnes in high regard and was very sorry to learn of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

John Reich

John M Reich - June 11, 2017 at 11:39 AM

RT

How can I describe Tom in a few words? He was funny, caring, passionate, with an unparalleled positive attitude, a true leader with a common sense approach to solving problems. I so enjoyed my time with him, whether it was at work, talking sports, or talking about families. He spoke of each with passion, but none more than family. While I hadn't spoken to him lately, I thought of him often and will miss him. While I know Tom's passing is a huge loss for his family, know that he was a great man that always made the lives around him a little better. My deepest sympathy. Rob De Tullio

Rob De Tullio - June 12, 2017 at 09:16 AM

ML

When coming on Tom for the first time or any time and you'd say hello, good morning, how you doing, or some such greeting, Tom always hit you with that smile and classic Tom rapid fire burst of energy – "Never been better. Thanks for asking. How about yourself?" It's a greeting I adopted myself, but always with attribution. Now, reflecting back on hearing Tom say it, it still brings a smile to me today. In a simple way, it also conveys the influence Tom could have on people throughout his long, illustrious career, and which probably remained unbeknownst to him. Those influences live on in each of us who knew and worked with Tom. We are better for them and grateful that our paths crossed.

Marty Lavelle

Marty Lavelle - June 12, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JH

Condolences to the big family Tom left behind, he is already missed. Tom brought a lot to any table he was a part of. Whether serious or jesting, professional or social, he delivered an urgency and a passion we all got to share. Thanks Tom, your star still burns bright. Jim Hill

James Hill - June 12, 2017 at 11:52 AM

DL

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Dan & Donna Lacroix

Dan Lacroix - June 12, 2017 at 02:24 PM

FB

Marianne, it is with shock and sadness that I write this short note. Tom was a very good friend who was also a mentor and a great sounding board for me. We spent some quality time in and out of the office, and Joan and I were looking forward to you and Tom visiting us in Ghana. I am deeply saddened by our loss but do take comfort in the wonderful memories Tom left us and hopefully it will ease the pain. We pray for you and the family's protection and God's blessings. I will stay I touch and hope to see you again soon. Tom will always be part of us and I will miss him a lot

*Joan and I wish you the very best,
Francis Baffour*

Francis Baffour - June 14, 2017 at 10:06 AM