

the Enders

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C O N N E C T I O N

The President's Corner



BY
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PRESIDENT

IT'S BACK! THE 98TH ENDERS FAMILY REUNION WILL BE HELD AUGUST 14, 2021

Greetings from our home to yours! What do you even say about the times we are living in, except to pray for the return of the old normal. As I write this, there is a glimmer of hope that we have turned the corner and we can expect a beautiful year ahead.

On August 14, 2021, we WILL hold the 98th Enders Family Reunion! The Messiah Lutheran Church will be serving their delicious food from 11AM to 5PM.

We will again be joined by the Vintage Motor Touring Society and their spectacular vehicles. The Make Mine Country Band will be providing entertainment in the afternoon. Sounds like a wonderful way to spend your day on August 14th!

Bring your family and friends for a day of fellowship at the Enders Grove. Please spread the word, this event is open to the public.

We are always looking for volunteers with the Grove and members to serve as officers. Our biggest need at the present time is help at the Grove when outside groups hold events. Charlie Bechtel's success in bringing back groups to the Grove has been phenomenal! The donations received are a large part of our operating budget. If anyone can assist Charlie to keep this going, please contact him at (717)443-3035. The work would consist of opening and closing the Grove for events. Due to a lack of help, we may no longer be able to hold these events at the Grove, it has become too much for the few people that are volunteering.

See you at the reunion!

Dave Enders, President

We are on Google Maps: 30 Enders Grove Rd., Halifax, PA 17023

See our website: <https://endersfamily.org>

Note: Please register before 1:30PM. Registration closes before the business meeting.

Do you have a story you would like to see published in our newsletter? It can be an article about an ancestor, your memories of an ancestor or perhaps reunions, or interesting facts of days gone by, etc. We could also use photos of interest.

Thanks to Darlean Skaddan for submitting the article below.



Alfreda & Edna

LEGACY OF ALFREDA ENDERS MARTIN

Alfreda Enders Martin (1-14-9-2-2-4-2) was born August 1, 1920 to Lester & Alma Enders in Carsonville, PA, a small village east of Halifax, PA. Her mother died when she was three and two years later her father remarried and moved the family to Jersey Shore, PA.

At the age of 17 Alfreda accepted Christ as her Savior and committed her life to Christian service. She then went on to prepare for that ministry at Practical Bible Training College in Binghamton, NY. There she met Edna Martin, sister of her future husband, and they became close friends and prayer partners.

After graduation from PBTC Alfreda spent several years teaching vacation Bible school and child evangelism to children in the mountain areas outside of Pittsburgh, PA. She then attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC for further Bible & mission work overseas.

While attending Bob Jones University Alfreda received a letter from her friend, Edna



Ed & Alfreda - married December 31, 1944

Martin, encouraging her to write to her brother who was in jail serving a 3 ½ year sentence for forgery charges and a stolen car. God used Alfreda through correspondence & visits to lead Ed to the Lord. Ed received early parole for good behavior. On December 31, 1944 Alfreda & Ed married & together they went on to attend Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. They pastored a country church in Pennsylvania before going for training for the mission field under New Tribes Mission in California. Alfreda & Ed arrived in Japan as missionaries in the summer of 1951 and served there for 15 years.

In 1965 Alfreda & Ed returned to the States with a burden to minister to people in prison. Hope Aglow Prison Ministries, an international outreach for the downtrodden and incarcerated, was the result of that burden for the lost. Alfreda wrote the 16 unit Basic Bible Study Course used in the ministry, which continues to the present time. She and Ed were also on the founding faculty of Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.

Hope Aglow, Lynchburg, VA continues to serve the incarcerated. What a legacy to leave behind!



Our new sign donated by Ryan Bowman of Fast Signs, 4713 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA, one of the scout leaders of Troop 1165. Donated in appreciation for the use of the grove on Thursday nights for their weekly meetings.

**ONCE AGAIN
WE WILL HAVE
ENTERTAINMENT BY SHELBY NESTLER
AND THE MAKE MINE COUNTRY BAND
<http://www.makeminecountryband.com>**

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank everyone who has made generous donations to help with the upkeep of the grove, and those of you who have donated in memory of your loved ones. Your donations make it possible for us to pay the taxes, maintain the property and pay expenses. We have been able to make some improvements and the grove looks beautiful! This is only possible with your continued support and the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.

We appreciate everyone's generosity through their donations, but we are seeing a steady decline in those donations. The figures on the treasurer's report may indicate that our financial situation is good. While it is good at the present time, if the decline in donations continues, we may be in financial difficulty in as little as 5 to 8 years. We do understand everyone is not able to donate, but please keep in mind that any amount helps financially.

Again we greatly appreciate your generosity and we look forward to enjoying our beautiful Enders Grove for many years to come.



Thank you to Layla Parker, (1-14-9-2-4-5-2-1-1-1) senior at Halifax HS for planting and caring for our flag pole garden. This is the second year she has done this community project.

***** IS YOUR GENEALOGY INFORMATION CURRENT? *****

*****GOOD NEWS – YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ONLINE AT:*****

www.endersfamily.org/form/genealogy

This is a private link to prevent spam. You may also print a form and send to Russ.

Russ Ottens, one of our historians, updates our genealogy and keeps the memorial list. If you know of **someone who passed away** since the last reunion, please email Russ at rjottens@hotmail.com or send to him at the address below. New genealogy info (such as **births and marriages**) can be sent to him or use the form on the website: www.endersfamily.org/form/genealogy. Russ also collects old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, etc. so please share these things with him.

Thanks Russ for all the hours you have spent preserving our heritage.

VOLUME III, UPDATED GENEALOGY DATA AND MUCH MORE IS NOW ON FLASH DRIVES

A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Enders Family Volume III 1740-2004 contained about 1000 pages. Since then much information has been added to the database. **We are now making available the original book in Word (.doc) and .pdf format** plus genealogy files in a gedcom containing the new data that can be read in a genealogy program. **Also included are Russ Ottens' computerized collection of old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, and other documents related to the Enders Family (over 11,000 files).** A flash drive for computers containing all of this will be available at the reunion for \$7. **Bring your own flash drive 8gb or higher and you can have all the information for free.** Russ will donate any proceeds to The Enders Family Association. If you will not be at the reunion the cost is \$10 (which includes \$3 for shipping). Send a check to **Russ Ottens, 7021 Camp Falls Court, Winston, GA 30187**. If you have a computer, this is a great way to acquire a treasure trove of Enders genealogy and historic photos. If you don't have a computer, you can share it with a relative who has a computer and is interested in the Enders heritage. Russ Ottens (1-7- 5-10-11-3-2 and 1-10-6-4-11-3-2)

<http://www.endersfamily.org>

Help us save postage by reading your Connection on the web. Email Marilyn at marilynmhenninger@gmail.com. She will notify you when it's online.

Contributions are greatly appreciated to help us maintain the grove grounds, kitchen and pavilion. Send to Dennis Henninger, treasurer, at the address below.

**Please let us know
when you change
your email or
snail mail address.**

HELP

Can you help us the day of the reunion? We need volunteers for the sign-in table and to put tables and chairs away at the end of the day. Contact Dave Enders.

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ARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN A MEMBER OF THE ENDERS FAMILY ASSOCIATION?

The cost is \$10 for a lifetime membership. Make check payable to the Enders Family Association and mail to Dennis Henninger, PO Box 329, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Shelley Walck has designed a beautiful ring featuring our Enders Crest. It is available for purchase. She will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Family Association. She also has pendants. Items will be on display at the reunion or you can contact her [SSWalck@gmail.com](mailto:sswalck@gmail.com) or 410-905-0680.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
NEXT YEAR AUGUST 13, 2022**

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