

MANAGER'S DESK FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

The roots of Grandparents Day go back to 1956 and a West Virginia mother named Marian McQuade. While helping to organize a community celebration for those over 80, she became aware of the many nursing home residents who were forgotten by their families. She wanted a holiday to bring attention to these individuals and to honor all grandparents. In 1973, West Virginia became the first state to have such a day.

McQuade and other supporters of the holiday then shifted their efforts to the national level, achieving success in 1978 when on August 3, 1978, Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation, and the day was finally celebrated the following year.

The purpose of the holiday is "to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer."

If it doesn't work out for you to see your grandchildren, Grandparents Day is a great excuse for you to phone them, text them, FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom with them, or even write them an old-fashioned letter.

SEPTEMBER IS OUR BIRTHDAY LETTER MONTH. WE'D LOVE TO GET A LETTER FROM YOU. EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT A GRANDPARENT.

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