

The Manorette

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Happy May Birthdays!
Please help us celebrate
and send a card to:

13-Ardyth Rice

23-Sharon Toof

26-David Lehman



Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 16, 2026

In the United States, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. The day was created in 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard

Lexington Library will be OPEN.





Mother's Day is May 10. It is time to get the shopping done. Buy a sweet card, get some flowers, maybe a kitchen appliance or other token of your appreciation. You will probably call home or drive over for a visit. It is a day to celebrate mom. The fact that Mother's Day is a National Holiday is thanks largely to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, whose story can be found in the pages of GenealogyBank's [Historical Newspaper Archives](#).

Anna M. Jarvis spent seven years pushing for a national holiday to celebrate mothers, after her own mother died. Congress finally passed the requisite law on 8 May 1914, and President Woodrow Wilson issued the official proclamation the next day. Anna began her efforts in 1907, and had successfully convinced 5-6 million people to join in the feel-good festival honoring mothers as early as 1908. They wore a simple white carnation as a token of appreciation for mothers. Anna desired the holiday to celebrate her own mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis. Ann was also a social activist and had been the founder of a "Mother's Friendly Day to weld families split by the Civil War." Ann gave birth to 13 children, many of whom died very young. Ann and Anna were very close and when Ann died 9 May 1905, Anna mourned deeply.

Three years later she made her initial push for a larger memorial service to honor all mothers. The idea was a success and 5-6 million people were estimated to have participated in the celebration. They made a visual show of appreciation by wearing a single white carnation.

Anna eventually quit her job in order to campaign for a national holiday. The idea caught like wildfire and just seven years after she began her campaign, the second Sunday in May was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson for the purpose. Nearly every country around the globe also began instituting its own celebration. Although not the first to champion the idea, Anna was probably more successful than she ever imagined.

Despite being successful in her efforts to bring attention to motherhood, Anna was never able to participate in that experience herself as she never had children of her own. Her endless efforts also led to financial challenges, because her seven-year campaign turned into a life-long no-holds-barred battle against the commercialization of the new national holiday, which absolutely horrified her. Anna's simple, heartfelt symbolic gesture of honoring mothers with a single white carnation was quickly overshadowed in the landslide of marketing campaigns around the new celebration.

Anna was disgusted by the commercialization, the pre-printed store-bought cards, and the impersonal gifts. She campaigned hard, with the same energy she had devoted to the first seven years of getting the day recognized, to push her ideas of forgoing the shallow tokens in favor of making a heartfelt connection with one's mother. It was a battle she did not win. Mother's Day is one of the most lucrative holidays for phone companies, the travel industry, card makers, florists, spas, and more.

Anna "once threatened to sue Governor Al Smith of New York over plans for a gigantic Mother's Day meeting in 1923." She even "tangled with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt over a rival Mother's Day committee."

Sadly, Anna died a "lonely spinster...partially deaf, blind and penniless" at the age of 84.





MILLIONS OBSERVE FIRST 'MOTHER'S DAY'

Philadelphia Woman Overwhelmed
by Response to Her Suggestion
for National Celebration

Phenomenally successful was the splendid movement instituted by Miss Anna Jarvis, of this city, to have one day of the year set aside as Mother's Day, for observance by the entire country.

Between five and six million persons throughout the United States celebrated the festival on May 10, the second Sunday in May, which was selected as the annual date. A white carnation was worn in memory of "mother."

That the observance should have been as widespread is regarded as remarkable by those who worked for its success, since Mother's Day had little preliminary publicity outside of Philadelphia. It is expected that in the future the second Sunday in May will be a universal fete day for filial worship.

"If in two weeks' agitation, we could get the people so stirred up about Mother's Day," say the workers, "what shall we accomplish next year?"

News of Mother's Day when it was first talked about in this city went to all parts of the United States. The Mayors of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Toledo, Ohio, issued proclamations to the citizens making Mother's Day a public occasion, and altogether clubs and organizations representing a membership of more than 2,000,000 persons, approved the festival.

Only two days ago 175,000 children and 44,000 teachers in the Philadelphia public schools joined in a celebration of the event. Everywhere in homes and institutions generous individuals provided carnations to be worn by the inmates in memory of the mothers.

BOYCOTT PUT ON CARNATIONS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Acting for the Society of American Florists, W. Gude, its Washington representative, issued a denial of the statement of Miss Anna Jarvis, president of the Mothers' Day association, that florists profited on white carnations, symbols worn in observance of Mothers' Day last year. Miss Jarvis has called on observers of the day this year to abandon the carnation and display American flags.

Wilson Proclaims Mothers' Day.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Wilson today approved a joint resolution setting apart tomorrow as Mothers' Day, and issued a proclamation commanding that all flags be displayed in observance of the occasion. The proclamation recited the resolution and its purpose and continued:

"Whereas by the said joint resolution it is made the duty of the President to request the observance of the second Sunday in May as provided for in the said joint resolution.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said joint resolution, do hereby direct the Government officials to display the United States flag on all Government buildings, and do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.

"In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen and of the independence of the United States one hundred and thirty-eight.

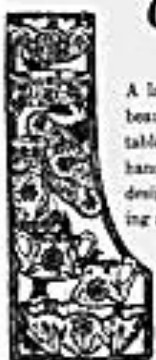
"WOODROW WILSON."



MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, May 12th

Devotion of all our institutions to Mother's Day—a day of tribute to mother—a day when one attempt is made to give her the respect and love for Mother's Day as never before. Mother's Day is a national holiday—a day of devotion to a mother of national character—what you observe is really not important. Mother will understand and appreciate. These announcements should help you determine your choice.



Cut Glass For Mother

A lasting remembrance—a beautiful decoration for the table and sideboard. Many handsome pieces in exquisite designs and ornamental carving at our popular prices.

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- Vase \$1.50 to \$12.50
- Glass and Taper \$2.50 to \$10.00
- Teapot \$1.00 to \$3.50
- Two Piece Set \$1.50 to \$5.00

SPECIAL VASE
Floral design, hand-painted red and pink, height 12 inches, regular \$10.00 value. Special Price **\$2.45**



Keep Mother's Room Neat



Open books make overcrowded bookshelves appear so empty shelves jammed and unattractive. When one bookcase overflows, a new one was purchased, and its empty shelves were gradually filled. This was before the Glens Warehouse period in business. Now, books and their shelves come together. The business grows along with the library. This is the modern way of building a library. This is the Glens Warehouse idea. Glens Warehouse Terminal Bookcases are built to endure, and do not cost any more than the ordinary kind.

Arkansas Carpet & Furniture Co.

Each and Main Little Rock



Mother enjoys Sweets

Give Her the Best

All That's So Good—Mother Loves

Super-Excellent Chocolates

Made by Louis Schneider Fresh Every Day

Give us your order for a box of these delicious chocolates and they will be delivered on Mother's Day with your card. If to be sent by parcel post, order today by all means.

The Gus Bloss Co.

Headquarters



Don't Forget Mother

on Mother's Day

Send Her a few pretty, late records and some of those that will never grow old.

- Blue Tornado Among the Gold
- Whispering Reeds
- Bliss and Beyond Forever
- Mother
- When I'm Not I Want You, Maggie
- Curry Me Back to Old Virginia
- Madeline

We will pack securely and mail direct.

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Does Mother Need a New Hand Bag, Grip, Suit Case or Trunk?



Oh, perhaps, something in the novelty line. We have many useful things in Leather Goods that always come in handy. Our goods are manufactured by experts and they are made of the best materials and are sold on a close margin of profit.

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213 MAIN ST. PHONE MAIN 1754



Sunday is Mother's Day. It has become a national event. Remember her with something useful, something that will help keep her cool and comfortable this summer or make her work lighter and easier. Our line of electrical goods is the very thing.

- Fan \$12.50 to \$25.00
- Iron \$4.00 to \$5.00
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- Percolator \$9.50 to \$18.00
- Wheaton \$14.00 to \$23.00
- Bedroom Lamp \$1.50 to \$10.00
- Silver Candelabra, pair \$8.75
- Blind Made Daylight Lamp \$0.40



They are kind to the eye.

Electric Const. Co.

Phone 481, Little Rock, Ark. 213 Louisiana



Sunday

Mother's Day should be observed by giving her something appropriate, something useful and something she will enjoy for quite a while.

What is more comfortable than a pair of

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\$2 to \$5

Our line of merchandise has become so well known that if it is new people look here first.

Fashion's Etc.

in Footwear at

POE'S

302 MAIN

A Cedar Chest For Mother



No gift would be appreciated more by her than a handsome chest. They are economical and save her time and worry.

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Priced \$9 to \$23.

Comer-Dobyns Co.

217 MAIN STREET.

Ice Cream

The Pure Kind



What would be more delicious for the Sunday lunch or dinner than a supply of National Ice Cream?

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MOTHER OF MINE

"Mother of Mine, because you give to me the joy of living, to me your love, your life, your whole, was wrapped in the glow of heaven you've borne my children, and created them in my image because you've given me life and love."

"That often comes tonight, because when my children's fingers are all warm and tender, because I've seen your gentle smile as that I feel of you, because of that I feel in me that nothing you ever did meant more to me for the life that I have you."

Original and best selling copy with the story and under each page with beautiful illustrations, each one making an "Mother's Day" from 10 to 15 cents.

Mother's Day Speeches

BIBLES

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Historical Works

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Classics

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Mother will appreciate Flowers

HAVE THEM DELIVERED FRESH SUNDAY MORNING



Roses, Carnations Sweet Peas

Other Cut Flowers and Potted Plants

We Want Your Order and Will Make Prompt Delivery

The Gus Bloss Co.

BLIND, PENNILESS AND UNHAPPY

Mother of Mothers' Day Dies at 84

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Anna M. Jarvis, lonely spinster who founded Mother's Day and then fought vigorously but in vain against its commercialization, died Wednesday at 84—blind and penniless.

Her death in a quiet sanatorium in suburban West Chester followed a long illness.

Partially deaf and unhappy in her last years, Miss Jarvis died of old age, doctors said. She had lived in the home since early in 1944. Friends, learning of her plight, had collected funds to place her there.

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DEEPLY sentimental, Miss Jarvis started the Mother's Day observance on the second anniversary of her own mother's death—May 9, 1907—by gathering a few friends for a memorial service.

The movement spread. Miss Jarvis wrote to legislative and executive officers of nations and states urging adoption of the day legally.

Finally her prodding pen won over President Woodrow Wilson. In 1914, he proclaimed the second Sunday in May a "flag holiday" honoring the nation's mothers.

MISS JARVIS was born May 1, 1864, in Grafton, W. Va., the daughter of Granville E. and Anna Reeves Jarvis. She came to Philadelphia in 1904.

Early in life she became active

A Lonely Heart



Associated Press Wirephoto
MISS ANNA JARVIS
Commercialism took over

in woman's suffrage and in welfare and temperance movements.

After her mother's death she began the single-handed struggle to make Mother's Day into an international observance. The occasion now is recognized in 40 countries.

In time her correspondence overflowed the red brick house in which she lived with her blind sister, Elsinore. She bought the house next door for storage.

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BUT SHE soon had regrets. Mother's Day became a financial bonanza for florists, candy-makers, jewelers and greeting-card sellers.

Immediately the grey-haired woman went to war against them.

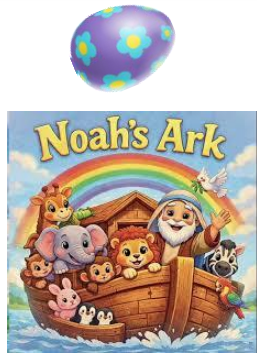
Her battle against the commercial interests, however, was a losing one.

Finally, retiring in semi-conclusion, she tended flowers grown from her mother's grave and cared for her sister, her only close relative. Elsinore died in 1944.

Anna Jarvis' last wishes—for a private funeral—will be carried out. Rites will consist of a simple Christian ceremony at the grave.

Founder Of Mother's Day Dismayed At Commercialism

Miss Anna Jarvis Tells Marines She Did Not Realize Day
Would Mean Flowers, Telegrams and Campaigns.





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