

**Friends of Midland**

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Dear Friends of Midland;

Unfortunately with the COVID-19 it may push clean-up back. We must continue to pray for everyone that this horrible virus will be removed from our world. With this said, we are still asking you to support us with your membership. The grass will continue to grow and as soon as we can, we will get the crews and volunteers out to take care of the cemetery. Please continue to look at our Facebook page and the website "www.midlandcemetery.com" for updates on the scheduled Memorial Service. We will also post information on the Andrew Askin bulletin board located on the Cole Alley side of the cemetery. It contains a listing of Midland Cemetery rules for visitors, the map of Midland and info on Mr. Askin.

When this is over please visit Midland to relax, pray and reflect on how good God has been for you and others. We ask you to pray for those directly affected by the virus and anyone who is dealing with problems and or grieving.

On a brighter note more trees were removed during the fall from the site of "Ancestor's Grove" which is listed on the map under the street and across from the main area of Midland. This in-kind service by RETTEW was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately due to the disruption of the grounds and the age of those who may have been buried there, no definitive graves were located. However the cart path is seen on the GPR along with other oddities. You must keep in mind that over the years, the road material has thickened and sewer lines were installed in that area. There is also a large area of wet land that would cause deterioration quicker for those not interred in coffins and or vaults.

Membership is still \$15.00 per year, the full page ad has increase however the other ads are the same price and any contributions are appreciated.

Unless otherwise announced the Midland Memorial service will be on Saturday May 23, 2020 at 1pm. All are invited!

With warm regards,

*Barbara Barksdale*