

**Missing everyone so very much**

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**Good Tuesday Morning To You**

**My friends tell me I am a wonderful story teller. Of course, mostly about some of my life events and especially of all the incredible things that occurs in my yard.**

**With earth day tomorrow I have my most perfect story to share and it will come with pictures. Now don't go to the end of the story first!**

**I have a wonderful pond in my back yard. It measures to be about 1,800 gallons with an approximate 35' stream flowing into it. I have had the same life mates Mallard Ducks come to my yard and pond for over 15 years. I know, now you say, how do you know they are the same couple. Well Henrietta has a slight limp. George is her life mate. I watch for them to arrive around mid-March and with that arrival I say "the Kids are in and spring is on its way". They follow me around the yard but do not help with the work—darn!!**

**Back to Earth Day. Three springs ago I was cleaning one of the long beds along the fence row. One of the tall shrubs had gone into a laying position from the snows and I lifted it to stake and reset into the soil. Upon my delight was Henrietta's nest with 10 eggs. My gosh, I almost stepped on it. Now that was a by His Grace moment I did not!**

**Being the earth girl I am how do I save the nest??? Call Joyce, my partner in most pickles I get myself into. I had an old crate which I**

placed over the nest at an angle so she could walk into it. I gathered leaves, Indian Grass mess, branches, an old towel, etc. We said a prayer that upon Henrietta's return she would go to the nest and continue nesting her babies. To my laughter & tears she promptly went to the nest!! A glass of wine followed! This was the first time she has nested in my yard. Usually she nests somewhere else and brings the ducklings to the pond for a week or so for photo ops, giggling children and adults doing the same (giggling that is) before moving on.

Each year the neighborhood celebrates the duck watch; that's the day she parades through the yards on her way to Pangborn Park Lake to be with the other duck families. But this year we were all watching from almost day one for the hatching.

The day came and how perfect "Earth Day". The word went out and visitors came to view (from afar) the hatching. Henrietta was not at all alarmed; I guess she knows this is a safe home area for her since they returns annually

**The quest for the day is EXPERIENCE**

**Only twice in the Bible**

**Deuteronomy 25:2 You will experience all these blessings if you obey  
the Lord your God**

**Ephesians 3:19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too  
great to understand fully**

**EXPERIENCE seize the moment**

**THE REST OF THE STORY**



















































**Forgive the pond it is drain and spring clean time!!!!**













