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Dear Friends,

Quilts are a visual testament to the compassionate nature of the human spirit. They are often created to serve a special purpose. Donate Life Northwest's 2014 *Threads of Life Quilt* celebrates the lives of individuals who have been touched by donation and transplantation. Constructed from articles of clothing, blankets, cherished jewelry and heirlooms, each square is unique and tells the story of incredible courage, faith, and generosity.

Threads of Life brings people together, to create personal tributes as well as enlist the help of others to complete the quilt and prepare it for exhibition. *Threads of Life* is more than layers of fabric stitched together, it is stories of mothers, fathers, children, siblings, friends, and neighbors.

For donor family members recognizing the loss of their loved one, *Threads of Life* can ease the healing process while furthering a legacy and extending the impact of his or her precious gift. Transplant recipients celebrate their second chance and pay tribute to their donors for the treasured gift they have received.

On behalf of Donate Life Northwest, we thank those who submitted squares, those who created the finished quilt and those who further the mission to save and enhance lives through the promotion of organ, eye and tissue donation.

Mary Jane Hunt



Executive Director
Donate Life Northwest
April 2014



HONORING **Aimeé Adelmann**

Portland, Oregon
Kidney Recipient

In 1987, I was diagnosed with a rare metabolic disorder called Cystinosis, which is essentially the build-up of the amino acid cysteine. When I was first diagnosed, my parents were told that I wouldn't live past the age of 10. Now it is 2014, I am almost 29 years old, and I am still here.

Anyone who has Cystinosis will eventually need a kidney transplant. I received my first transplant from my Dad in 2003, just after I graduated high school. At first, everything seemed to be going well, but later, we found out that I had acute rejection from the beginning. This caused a multitude of complications, but I was able to hold onto my first transplant for eight years.

In 2011, I received my second kidney transplant from a deceased donor. It was almost a

perfect match, which does not happen very often. In the past, I struggled with the idea of someone dying in order for me to be able to live. Now I have come to understand and accept the idea, and I am reminded every day of what a wonderful gift I received. Getting that second transplant was certainly a surprise – one that has been followed by many other surprises in my life.

Working here at Donate Life Northwest has given me the opportunity to see both the giving and receiving side of organ donation and to better understand the process as a whole. To see what joy it can bring to both sides has truly been a blessing. I know now I am right where I am meant to be!



Aimeé with her first donor, her Dad, Richard.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Aimeé Adelmann.

Quilt 16, Block E6



HONORING
Brett Austin
Baker City, Oregon
Died waiting for a liver
Cornea Donor
1966 – 2012

My son, Brett, was born in Salem, Oregon, in 1966. He moved with his family to Baker City, Oregon in 1977. He graduated from Baker High School in 1984 and joined the US Air Force immediately after high school. He had a medical discharge after 12 years of honorable service. Brett later graduated cum laude, from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, with a degree in aerospace engineering.

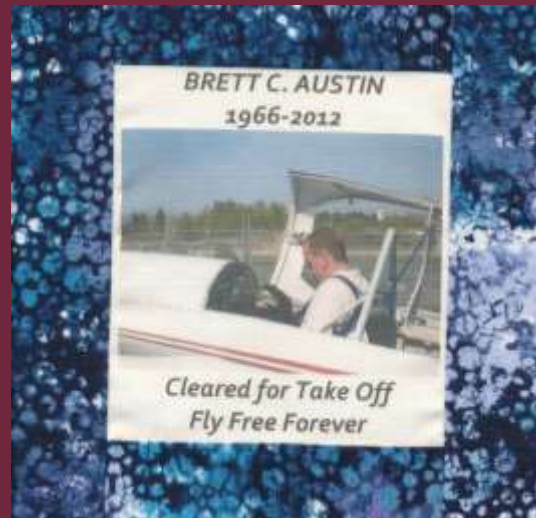
Brett's first passion in life was his two children, Jennifer, 15, and Nicholas, 6. He was so very proud of them.

His second passion was flying. He flew hang gliders, para-gliders, glider planes, fixed-wing planes, and helicopters. He loved fishing, too.

Brett lived five years after his diagnosis of end-stage liver disease, which was the result of primary sclerosing cholangitis.

He passed away at age 45, while waiting for his transplant. At the time of his death, Brett's corneas were donated (the only part that could be donated).

Brett was grateful each day for the wonderful experiences and the many blessings he had in his short lifetime.



*Quilt square submitted
by Betty Austin, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block F3

HONORING
Suzan Basom
Rockaway Beach, Oregon
Cornea Donor
October 4, 1955 – 2014

Suzan was a great mother and wife, and my best friend. We were meant for each other. She was one of a kind!!

We have two sons, Benjamin and Christopher, who are married and well on their way to great careers, thanks to their Mom. Ben has Suzan's only granddaughter, Maisie, who turned two years old on November 8, 2013, about 4 months before Suzan died of cancer complications.

Suzan was born in Antioch, California on October 4, 1955, to Glen and Marge Dresie. She grew up with two brothers and

one sister.

We met in 1974, working in a factory, and married July 11, 1976. We raised our family in Antioch, California. When the boys moved out, we moved to Milwaukie, Oregon (a suburb of Portland), in 1999. In 2005, we bought a lot in Rockaway Beach, Oregon, on the coast, and built a beautiful home seven blocks from the beach where we walked every day. This inspired the picture on the quilt square of twin rocks, right off the beach. She loved the beach – a glass of wine and a fire on the beach. She couldn't get enough crab. She loved it along

with camping, road trips, and just life itself, hanging with friends in Rockaway.

She was an awesome all-around cook, from Thai food to Mexican – just about anything. She liked entertaining and the lucky life we had. She had a short but great life – happy. Don't we all want what she had?

I was very, very lucky to have been with her. We took good care of each other. 'Soul mate' does not go far enough. I'll always love you, dearest. I miss and think of you every day.

*Quilt square designed by
Carla Basom, sister-in-law.
Quilt square submitted by
Brad Basom, husband.*

Quilt 16, Block E7

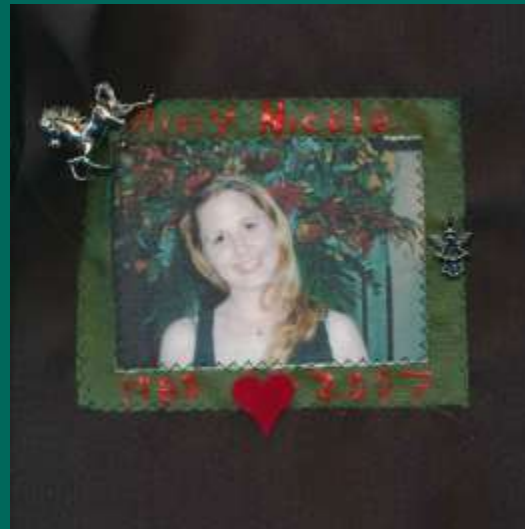


HONORING
Amy Benson
Portland, Oregon
1980 – 2007

For Amy, daughter and sister. She loved all animals, especially horses! Amy was a kind soul, always willing to help those less fortunate than her. If she was your friend, she was your friend!

*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Dorothy Walsh.*

Quilt 16, Block A7



HONORING
Justin Boyce
Battle Ground, Washington
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor
September 23, 1994 – February 8, 2012

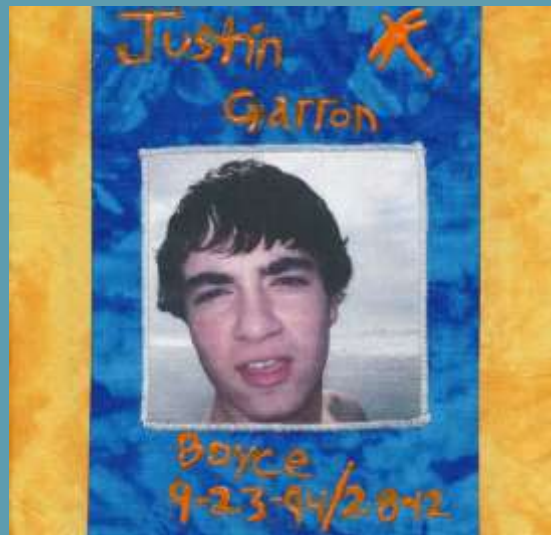
This small square represents the full life of one amazing young man: Justin Garron Boyce. He is our beloved son, brother, nephew, grandson, and friend. He very much enjoyed the outdoors and anything that would get him moving fast! He was an avid ice hockey player, guitar player, skate boarder, BMX rider, and a loving, fun, and energetic young man!

We lost Justin unexpectedly at the age of 17. He elected to register as a donor when he received his driver's permit. Upon his death, he was a multiple organ donor, as well as an eye and tissue donor. We've had the

privilege of being in contact with the majority of his recipients, even being included in one of the families! Every day I lean on the knowledge that he continues to live on in the lives of these amazing recipients. Forever 17, he is missed and loved for the rest of our lives.

*Quilt square submitted and designed by
Melissa (mother) and Emily (sister).*

Quilt 16, Block B8



CELEBRATING
Marcus Browning
Vancouver, Washington
Child of kidney recipient, Jennifer Browning
Grandchild of living kidney donor, Linda Rigert

Organ donation is a life-giving miracle in so many ways. This square was made to honor the birth of my son, Marcus Henry Browning. Very simply, he would not be here if it wasn't for the remarkable gift I received from my mother, Linda Rigert. I received her kidney almost 17 years ago, and because of this, I had the honor of giving birth to my beautiful child last year. This simple fact leaves me speechless at times. It is with enormous awe and gratitude that my family and I dedicate this square. Miracles abound!!



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Jennifer
Browning, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block B4

HONORING
Richard Coffman

Vancouver, Washington

Tissue Donor

December 13, 1932 – October 4, 2013

Richard Neal Coffman was born December 13, 1932 in Sioux City, Iowa. He served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman during the Korean War. He later graduated from Iowa State University and began a career as a civil engineer. He retired as District Operations & Maintenance Engineer for the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Richard learned that he had psoriasis at a young age and lived with the disease all of his adult life. He was instrumental in the creation of the National Psoriasis Foundation and went on to become the organization's first president. By helping found the National Psoriasis Foundation, he touched the lives of millions of people.

By donating tissue after his death, he helped several more.

Richard was a truly good man – very smart, funny, warm, and honorable. He is survived by his lovely wife Shirley, daughters Linda and Rebecca, sister Twila Weaver, brother Dale, and many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Quilt square designed by Frances Whitaker Mayhew. Quilt square submitted by Frances Whitaker Mayhew, Robin Mayhew, Rebecca Coffman, and Shirley Coffman.

Quilt 16, Block G4



HONORING
John Cunningham
Portland, Oregon
Kidney, Cornea, and Tissue Donor
April 27, 1978 – March 7, 2013

John lived in Oregon and grew up in Rockwood Gresham area, where he made some lifelong friends. He loved playing all sports. Basketball was his favorite to play. John grew up enjoying the great outdoors, hiking the Columbia Gorge, swimming the rivers, camping all over Oregon, snowboarding on Mt. Hood, and playing on beaches. When John started driving, you heard his music before you saw him. He had a big, happy smile that would light any room up, and made girls' hearts weak. His happy spirit, giggling laughter, and fun ways made anything you did with him fun. Sometimes added adventure would occur!

John was close with his two sisters and enjoyed spending time with each of them. Becoming an uncle was a joy in his

life. He made sure each one felt special. All kids seemed to know he was the guy they could play with, jump on, and be loud with. Daily text messages or calls were John's norm with family and friends. John called me for cooking questions and tips, car questions were for his Pops. Cooking was one of John's talents. He loved his deep fat fryer, grilling, making Christmas dinner, and seafood boils. John was married four months before passing. He was happy being a husband and being a dad made him very happy.

John's greatest wish for everyone was, "Get out and make some memories."



Quilt square designed and submitted by Sherrie Cunningham, mother.

Quilt 16, Block B2

CELEBRATING
Bob Dexter
Portland, Oregon
Liver Recipient

With a new liver and a second chance at life, my life has changed in so many ways. One of the most important milestones for me was being able to walk my daughter down the aisle. I've also committed myself to volunteer work and spend a large amount of my time at the Portland V.A. Transplant Hospital as well as Donate Life Northwest. The contribution that I make now is to help others who are crossing the treacherous waters that I faced not so long ago. I give hope and tell them to think of all the things they are going to do in the future. I encourage them not to dwell on the sickness they are strapped with today.

My mission after my transplant experience has been to open people's eyes to the critical need for organ and tissue donation. Whenever I get complacent, I try to remember all the friends I have at the V.A. Hospital who are waiting for their own transplants. They are people who no longer have control of their lives. They are scared, sick, and waiting, all the while hoping they can hang on long enough to get the call that there is an organ available for them.

Quilt 16, Block G8



The Beat Goes On

"My life has been extended by someone who has given me the greatest of gifts: a chance to live another day with the ones I love and cherish. For that, I have made a promise to myself and my donor that I will not waste a single day."

Bob Dexter

HONORING
Janet Evans
Lebanon, Oregon
September 1, 1955 – March 23, 2013

We made this square for our cousin, Janet Evans.
Janet loved life. She was always smiling. Janet
was a mother, daughter, friend, cousin, and aunt.
We all miss her.



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Nancy and
Megan Foulke.*

Quilt 16, Block A3

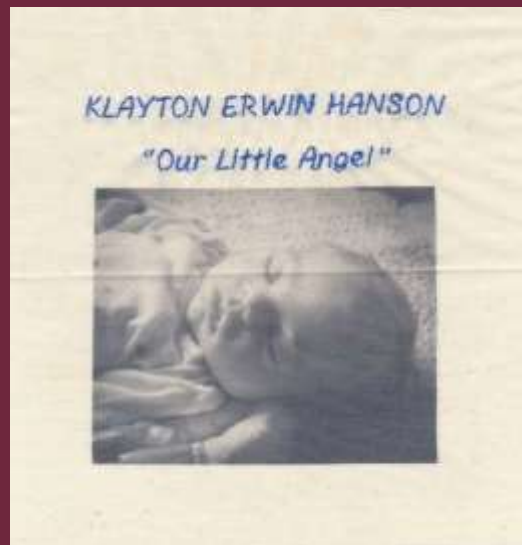
HONORING
Klayton Hanson
Kuna, Idaho
April 2013

Our little angel, Klayton Erwin Hanson, was born April 6, 2013, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and had a head full of blond hair. He was perfect in every way. He looked very much like his daddy and was so very handsome. During his short time here on earth he was loved by many family and friends. We sang, "You Are My Sunshine" to him all the time because he was truly our sunshine, and we told him stories that we had thought we would share with him when he was older. Klayton's favorite book was called "The Kissing Hand," which had been given to him by one of the NICU nurses.

Although it was so very hard to say goodbye, we are very happy for the time we were able to spend with him and the gift that he was able to offer. The fact that we know he is living on in others has offered comfort in a time of tragedy. We knew he would do great things in life, but little did we know he would do it at such a young age. Klayton will forever be in our hearts, and we love and miss him each and every day.

Quilt square submitted by Amanda Hanson, mother.

Quilt 16, Block D7

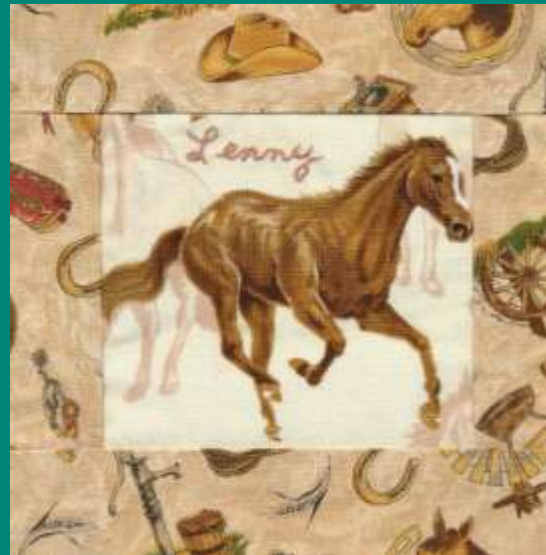


HONORING
James “Lenny” Hubbard
Tissue Donor
January 2012

My quilt square is in memory of James “Lenny” Hubbard. He loved horses and western wear, so that is why I chose this yardage. I designed and sewed the square. Lenny was a tissue donor in January 2012.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Diane Prill.

Quilt 16, Block A8



HONORING
Kyle Janssen
Tigard, Oregon
Cornea, Kidney, Liver, and Pancreas Donor

Kyle's favorite color was yellow. The photo on his square was taken two months before the auto accident that took his life.

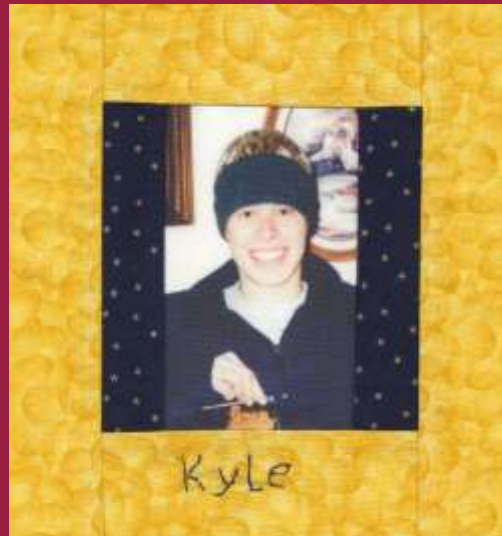
Kyle was a fantastic kid with a heart of gold. He loved music and wrote "beats" – devoting a lot of energy into his songs and music. One of his songs was played on a local Portland hip hop radio station after his death.

Kyle's eyes were donated and used for a breakthrough surgery for a Beaverton girl who suffers Aniridia. I contacted her and we still stay in touch. Her mother wrote me a touching letter that along with my letter to her was published in the Lions newsletter, telling our story. Kyle also donated his kidney, liver, and pancreas.



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Jennifer Janssen,
mother.*

Quilt 16, Block D6

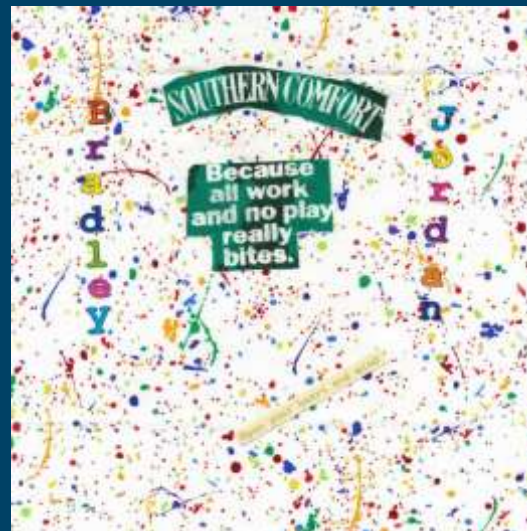


HONORING
Bradley Jordan
Portland, Oregon

This square is for Bradley Jordan, a loving uncle and son. The design we chose has 'Southern Comfort' because he fancied Southern Comfort.

*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Ashley, Reneé, Sophia, and Linda
Jordan.*

Quilt 16, Block F1



HONORING
Allen Kerr
Lebanon, Oregon
Cornea Donor
October 5, 1943 – July 18, 2013

Allen was born October 5, 1943, in Morton, WA. His father and uncles owned and operated a lumber mill in Packwood, WA. They moved in 1946 to Brookings, OR. Allen grew up in Brookings, one of six children. He attended Kings Garden High School in Seattle, WA, and then attended George Fox College in Newberg, OR. He married Shirley in 1964.

Allen was active in churches all his life, enjoyed working with youth at day camps, leading backpack trips, and teaching archery. Later, he and Shirley owned and

operated a motel in Pacific City, OR. He attended an electronics school and worked as a DJ at a Christian radio station. He enjoyed working with computers and built a few for his own use. He also enjoyed photography, taking many pictures in the Oregon Cascades during backpack trips.

He was the father of two children adopted from Korea, and has three grandchildren.

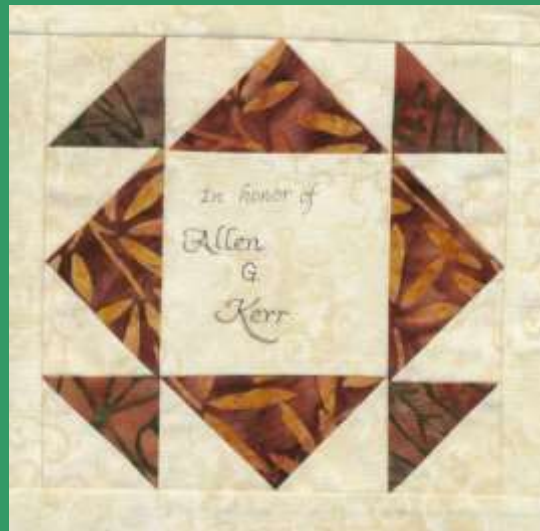
In the days prior to his death, he heard a Southern gospel song entitled, “He Saw It All” and really enjoyed it. It is fitting that

his donation allowed someone else to see, as the song tells of a blind man who saw.

The quilt square is a traditional block sometimes called Kings Cross. I put together one of my favorite blocks using some batik fabrics (another of my favorites) in colors that Allen liked.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Shirley Kerr, wife.

Quilt 16, Block D1

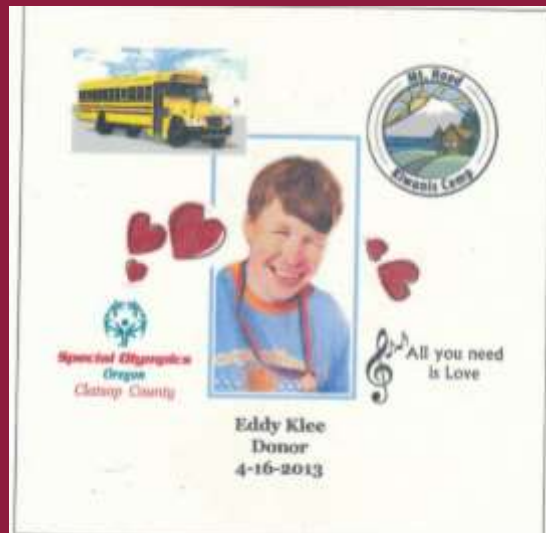


HONORING
Edward “Eddy” Klee

Hillsboro, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
April 16, 2013

Eddy was a cute, friendly, and peaceful guy. Although he was born with disabilities, he had a great smile, sense of humor, and touched the lives of many people.

He loved music and really enjoyed going to Camp Kiwanis and participating in Special Olympics. He is missed very much by family and all those who knew him.



*Quilt square designed
and submitted by Patricia
Klee, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block E3

CELEBRATING
James Knake
Kidney Recipient
January 13, 2010

My brother and I are only three years apart in age. He served in Vietnam. He has been through so very much medically. He lives in Florida and enjoys the lovely weather. I used to live there, too, and I miss him very much, as I now live in Portland, Oregon.

The picture is of Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC. After his transplant, we took a trip there. It was an amazing trip to share with him.



*Quilt square submitted by
Elizabeth Knake,
sister.*

Quilt 16, Block B7

Donation is a blessing to the donor.
God allowed me to be healthy enough in order for me to have the
greatest gift in life -
to be able to donate a kidney to my brother.
This is an amazing journey, with a truly memorable,
remarkably joyful feeling,
giving life to a soul in need.
If I had a 3rd kidney, I would do it again!
The inner joy I feel, will be with me for the rest of my life.
It is truly a blessing.
It has made my life fuller.

CELEBRATING
Laura Jeanette Koekkoek

Eugene, Oregon
Heart Recipient
August 6, 2000

Doctors at OHSU call Laura Jeanette Koekkoek “a success story” for good reason! After ten years of heart problems, Laura learned she had idiopathic cardiomyopathy and would need a heart transplant. After only 16 days on the waiting list, Laura received a new heart, and she has lived each day to the fullest ever since. She’s in great health with no signs of rejection. And because she received the transplant, she’s gotten to see her grandkids grow up and marry, and now, she’s enjoying her great-grandchildren.

Laura likes to sew and do handwork, plus some quilting, and in fact, she did the embroidery and sewing on her

quilt square. The square was inspired by her and her husband’s dream of visiting Holland. Because she received her heart transplant, they were able to go and visit their extended family there. Laura’s son, Brad, drew the Dutch girl design for the square.

Laura also volunteers at her local senior center, serving meals. She is a volunteer ambassador for Donate Life Northwest by handing out Frequently Asked Questions cards to educate others about donation and transplantation.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Laura Jeanette Koekkoek.

Quilt 16, Block D4

HONORING
Mandy Lathim
Vancouver, Washington
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor
July 19, 2012

My square is in honor of my beautiful daughter, Mandy Zoe Lathim. Mandy loved life and lived it to the fullest. From a young age, she always believed her life should have purpose, and in the end, it certainly did. We lost her two weeks after she graduated from high school and a month before she was to leave for college. Mandy helped so many people in her short 18 years, and through her gift of life she will continue to impact so many others. And that is exactly who she was and what she would want!



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Denise Ellis,
mother.*

Quilt 16, Block B5

HONORING
Linda LeFauve

Beaverton, Oregon
Organ Donor
1954 – 2012

Our square is for our beautiful mother, Linda LeFauve. She was a hardworking and generous nurse for over 30 years. Linda always loved helping people in any way possible. She was very generous, and always went above and beyond to give to others. Linda being an organ donor was her last act of generosity, and she would be happy to know that she helped give the gift of life. Linda enjoyed spending time with her family, being outdoors such as camping, traveling, and most of all shopping.

The picture of our mother in the square represents her silly and fun personality. The orange corners represent her favorite color and her favorite nursing scrubs. Our Mom loved butterflies, and they also represent her children. Our mother is greatly loved and miss by everyone.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Matt, Sean, and Caitlin LeFauve.

Quilt 16, Block B6

HONORING
Dolores Luckow

Oregon City, Oregon

Donor

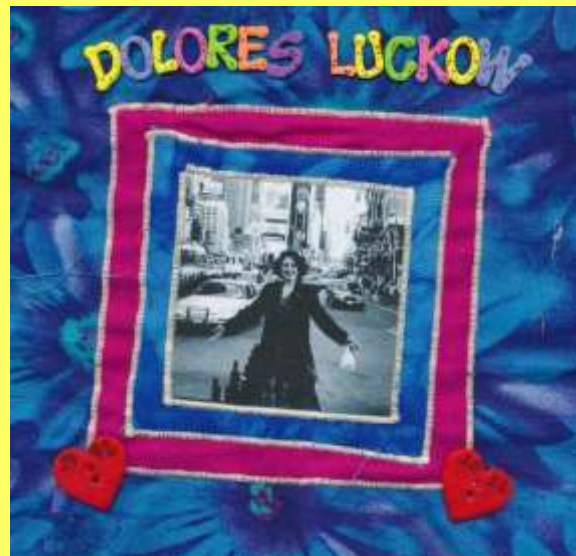
July 29, 1941 – December 10, 2012

Dolores lived life to the fullest. She traveled to every continent except Antarctica. She custom-created bridal gowns and skating costumes. She also taught Spanish. She was always busy working, creating, and exercising. She didn't understand downtime; life was to live.

She would be so pleased to know how many people she helped with her donations of life.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Bonnie
Wentlandt and Gloria Brown.*

Quilt 16, Block A1



HONORING
William “Bill” Lynch
Salem, Oregon
April 3, 1926 – February 1, 2013

We made this square for our Uncle Bill. We chose this design because he loved to hunt and to garden. Someone was always stopping by to admire his flowers! Bill loved to hunt and he was an amateur taxidermist whose garage was full of stuffed birds. Bill was a husband, father, and grandfather.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Nancy and Megan Foulke.

Quilt 16, Block F2



HONORING
Michael Mackenroth
Ridgefield, Washington
September 19, 1957 – August 27, 2013

Michael Mackenroth was a kind, loving man with a huge heart. He would do anything for anyone. He was born on September 19, 1957.

He worked at Automotive Electric Distributors for 15 years until his death on August 27, 2013.

He loved God and family above all things. He was married to his wife Tanya for 24 years. He was also a proud papa to our two tuxedo kitties, Blackjack and Dusty.

His hobbies included: amateur radio, including being a member of the Clark County Radio Club in Vancou-

ver, WA; UFO sightings; anything having to do with Star Trek; and the great outdoors.

He was survived by his wife, Tanya Mackenroth, sisters, Emilie and Patty, his Aunt Bunnie, and lots of cousins.

Michael is missed very much.

I love you bunches, Teddybear.

Love, Your Roseblossom

God bless you until we meet again in Heaven.

*Quilt square designed by
Terry Porter, wife's aunt.*

*Quilt square
submitted by Tanya
Mackenroth, wife.*

Quilt 16, Block G5



HONORING
Arlie Martin
Damascus, Oregon
Cornea Donor
June 6, 2008

This quilt block is in memory of my son, Arlie, who died of cancer at age thirty-one. It spells his name in fish fabric, signifying his love for animals. He had several aquariums and bred koi as a hobby (along with rabbits, ducks, chickens and sheep). He had a very gentle way with animals, often taking in strays and nursing injured and sick animals.

It was difficult to select just one thing to represent Arlie because he had so many interests, talents, and experiences. Besides animals, Arlie was interested in stars, motorcycles, politics, power tools, tractors, music, and he had a general curiosity about how things worked. He surrounded himself with highly accomplished people and then did his best to learn from them. There wasn't much he couldn't do, and he was

very generous in sharing his skills, time and resources.

Arlie was also very funny. He wasn't mean or sarcastic in his humor, and if anyone was the butt of his jokes it was usually himself. He used humor to make people happy, including himself, and also to be a peacemaker.

One of his finest qualities was wholeheartedness. He loved life and participated fully without fear of failure or humiliation. This was true in his work, his projects, his fun and especially in his relationships. He was warm, compassionate, loyal, and good. We could not have asked for a better son and brother.



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Priscilla
Martin, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block C1

CELEBRATING
Marianne Mattoon

Liver Recipient
November 12, 2013

Marianne had Vanishing Bile Duct Syndrome, a very rare condition. The liver super-specialists followed and learned from her rare condition. After her transplant, the liver biopsy revealed total liver failure would have occurred in about two months! Her donor was an eleven-year-old boy who was hit by a pick-up truck and died at the hospital next door.

*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Marcia McGary,
mother-in-law.*

Quilt 16, Block C6



CELEBRATING
Mark Miles
Gresham, Oregon
Kidney and Pancreas Recipient
June 2, 2007

This past June marked the six-year anniversary of my dual-organ (kidney & pancreas) transplant at OHSU. After 37 years as a Type I diabetic, my last insulin shot was the morning of my transplant. My creatinine levels and A1C continue to be like you normal folks. The donor and family remain anonymous; however, my kidney buddy, liver and heart recipient also received organs that same weekend.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Mark Miles.*

Quilt 16, Block G3



CELEBRATING
Roberta “Bobbi” Morris
Portland, Oregon
Kidney & Pancreas Recipient

Roberta “Bobbi” Morris, youngest of five children born to Nadine (Veenker) Morris, was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at age 12. After nearly 20 years of insulin injections, Bobbi’s kidneys were failing. She was on dialysis for nearly two years when she received an anonymous gift of a kidney and pancreas in August 2002. The new pancreas gave her a break from insulin until it failed less than a year later. Fortunately, another anonymous donation gave Bobbi another pancreas transplant in April of 2004. Soon after, the first transplanted kidney began to weaken. In November 2005, Bob-

bi received her second kidney transplant, the donor being her good friend, Marilyn Fink (*in red, below*). Sadly, the transplant failed less than a month later, due to a severe, life-threatening infection. However, the first transplanted kidney rose to the occasion and Bobbi didn’t have to resume dialysis that year. Over the next two years, the situation worsened, and Bobbi was in the process of preparing for dialysis when her sister, Patrice Hudson (*in green, below*), donated a kidney in July 2008. Today, Bobbi continues to celebrate the gift of life.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Patrice Morris Hudson, sister and living kidney donor.

Quilt 16, Block E5



HONORING
Bobby Olive
Portland, Oregon
Heart Donor
December 4, 1985

Bobby Lewis Olive, Sr., also known as “Bobo,” was Oregon’s first successful heart donor on December 4, 1985.

Bobby was the head of the household, who loved his children, kept his family together, and was the best friend that a little girl can imagine.

He was 6’4” tall and strong. He worked hard all day long. At the end of the day, we looked forward to coming home because we knew that Dad was on his way to give us love.

Daddy’s gone, but he’s a hero! I miss you, Dad!



*Quilt square designed by
Shannon Olive, Anita Ward,
& Family. Quilt square
submitted by Shannon
Olive, daughter.*

Quilt 16, Block G7

HONORING
Paul Pantle
Springfield, Oregon
Organ and Tissue Donor
September 18, 1971 – May 22, 2007

The dash – I see this small line that signifies the time span of someone's life, two years, 12 years, 30 years, 70 years. But to us who remain and remember, it is the everyday significance of who that person was. It is important to me to keep that person's presence in our lives, no matter how short, alive and cherished.

My son, Paul, was important to me. He made me feel safe in his hugs. He could always make me laugh. He was devoted to his children and loved his wife the way every woman deserves to be loved. So when I see the dash between birth and death, I choose not to focus on the end, but remember all the great and meaningful moments I was able to share in the middle... in the dash.

The quilt pieces help me do just that.

*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Dotty Pantle,
mother.*

Quilt 16, Block A4



HONORING
Pasquale “Pat” Jesus Petisce, Jr.

Vancouver, Washington

Cornea Donor

May 2012

Pat served in the US Army from 1963 to 1965 and the Army National Guard from 1960 to 1963.

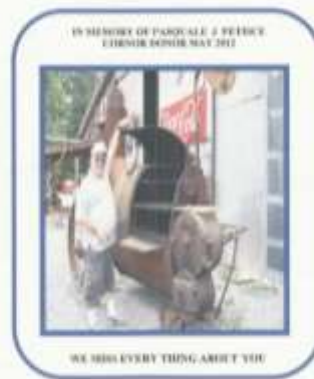
His education was in architectural drafting and blueprint-reading, but his passion for almost 40 years was building from the ground up and seeing the blueprints as finished projects. As a supervisor/superintendent, he enjoyed teaching beginners new techniques, as well as experienced construction workers.

Pat loved to cook, and he enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren his new recipes. We loved eating just about everything he made. He also enjoyed cooking for the residents at the senior housing where

he lived.

He enjoyed many things in life, such as music, dancing, golf, sports, fishing, and above all, family. His favorite saying was, “Baby, we have a good life! What a country!”

This quilt square was made for him, in memory of a very loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and father-in-law. We all miss his wonderful sense of humor, laughter, hugs and kisses. He gave so much from his heart. Pat is so loved by all of us.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Diana Petisce, wife.

Quilt 16, Block C8

HONORING
Rick Pfenning

Portland, Oregon
Heart Recipient
June 14, 2000

Edward “Rick” Pfenning was welcomed into the large Veenker family when he married the youngest of eleven children born to Hank & Gladys Veenker. He and his wife, Myra Kay (Veenker) Pfenning had three children: Michael, Paula, and James; and three grandchildren: Cody, Jessica, and Maya.

In the early ‘90s, Rick fell ill to heart disease and was placed on the secondary heart transplant list in March of 1994 at age 52. His disease progressed until January of 2000, when his doctors determined that he was within 6-7 months of dying. At that point, when Rick was 58 years old, his name was moved to primary waiting list. He lived continuously at OHSU for the

next five months while connected to machines that kept him alive.

On June 14, 2000, Rick’s doctors estimated that he had only 1-2 weeks to live. Thanks to an anonymous donor, Rick received his transplant that day, extending his life well beyond those few weeks. His family nicknamed Rick, the “Tin Man,” and celebrated his 60th birthday just 19 months later, hopeful that he would be around for another 20+ years. The new heart gave him almost three full years, but he passed away on April 8, 2003, of stomach cancer, which he could not fight due to his immune system, compromised by anti-rejection drugs necessary after transplant.

*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Patrice
Morris Hudson, niece.*

Quilt 16, Block E8



*Rick & Myra with their children and grandchildren,
celebrating his 60th birthday in 2002, 19 months
after his transplant.*

HONORING
Leslie “Les” Plagmann

Albany, Oregon
Cornea Donor
February 18, 2013

Les loved his children and grandchildren very much. He was always teaching them something, whether it was cooking, building something, or how to swing a golf club. He took every opportunity he had and turned it into a learning experience. He loved surprising his wife with wonderful and unique gifts. Les was very gifted in the music department. He played bass, piano, violin, harmonica, and wrote/sang/recorded songs.



*Quilt square designed, painted,
and submitted by Anne Plagmann,
wife.*

*Les knew how much I enjoyed painting
and drawing, and he encouraged me to
never give it up.*

Quilt 16, Block H5



HONORING
Margo Lynne Potampa
Portland, OR
Cornea Donor
February 12, 1948 – May 27, 2013

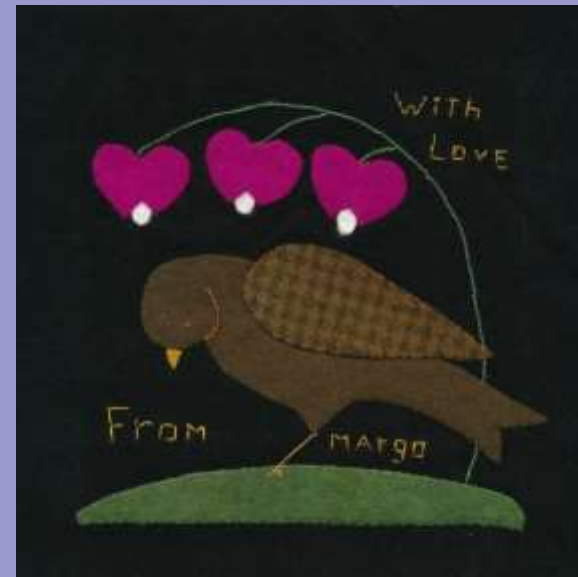
A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, hard-working and driven, Margo was employed for over thirty years at E.E. Schenck Company, one of the largest wholesale distributors of fabric and sewing notions in the country. Her customer service finesse was well-known and appreciated throughout the industry. Margo had a personal and professional connection to fabrics, quilting, and art.

Generous and fun, she was. Margo created many friendships through the years. Her zest for life and refreshing sense of humor, her smile that could

light up the darkest hour, her creative and pragmatic problem-solving, her love of people – yes, Margo was remarkable and real. So many of us miss her deeply.

*Quilt square designed by Bonnie Sullivan
and Linda Shaull. Quilt square submitted
by Beth Ardueser.*

Quilt 16, Block C5



HONORING
Mary Reid
Central Point, Oregon
September 15, 2013

Mary Reid was a loving mother and devoted wife. She loved to quilt, cross-stitch, and knit. She lives in the heart of her husband Bob, daughter Kelly, and golden retriever Jade. The symbols represent:

The teapot – her love of drinking black Lipton tea

The shamrocks – her Irish Chicago roots

The lighthouse – the love of the ocean

The heart – she lived with a loving heart and was generous with her gifts.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly Reid, daughter. Embroidery by Sandy Benfield, ASG member.

Quilt 16, Block G2

HONORING
Kenneth Reising, Sr.
Junction City, Oregon
Cornea Donor
November 15, 1941 – January 11, 2013

So many memories – marrying in Iowa, coming to Oregon on our honeymoon, being the proudest parents of two sons and a daughter. Kenny and family, plus so many friends spent the summer and fall of 1975 building a house in the country so we could have room to grow. And grow we did – adding more friends, more family. The four grandkids came along, the love of our lives.

Kenny was very proud to belong to the Knights of Columbus and was a lifetime member. He always helped anyone who

needed it, and our wish is that the ones who received his cornea donation are benefitting from his generosity.

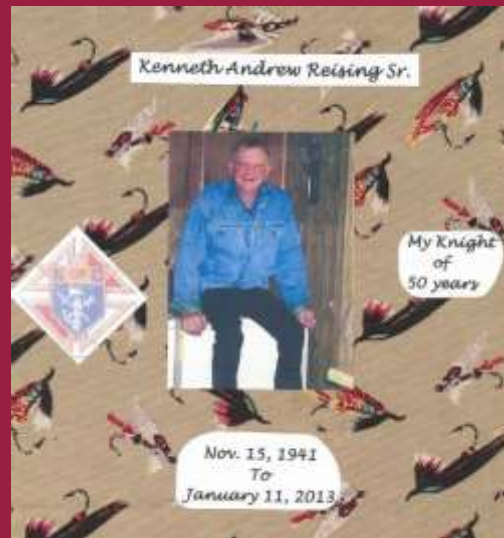
Kenny retired and we had 10 years of traveling – every state except PA. We were to go there before his illness, but the grandkids planned a 50th anniversary, and we so enjoyed the special day.

Kenny's legacy will be the guy who could tell jokes for hours on end, who would help anyone who needed his help,

who loved his family with a passion, and is so missed by so many. We love you, Dad/Grandpa!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Shirley Reising, wife, with assistance from Nelda Copsey.

Quilt 16, Block D3



HONORING
Janet Ries
Sisters, Oregon
Cornea Donor
November 16, 1994 – June 22, 2013

My beloved wife, Janet, died June 22, 2013, after a brief fight with pancreatic cancer.

Janet was an avid quilter. Living in Sisters, OR, the home of the world-famous Outdoor Quilt Show, she was very involved with quilting activities in her little town. Her “Fourth of July” quilt won a ribbon and was displayed in the 2009 quilt show.

She was also an avid Oregon Ducks fan, hence the vivid green and yellow colors

rimming her picture on her quilt square.

She loved her family, three children and six grandchildren, and especially enjoyed celebrating the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving, her two favorite holidays. Her apple pies are famous in the Ries clan. She also loved music and attending live musicals, as well as singing in the church choir.



*Quilt square designed and
sewn by her best friend, Mary
Richards, of Sisters, Oregon.
Submitted by John Ries,
husband.*

Quilt 16, Block F5

CELEBRATING
Dave R.
Boring, Oregon
Living Kidney Donor
January 2010

A little more than four years ago, Dave was winding down his IT career and looking forward to hiking, backpacking, and spending time with his grandkids. He had just come across a TV show about kidney disease, and was moved by the stories of those struggling to survive on dialysis. As Dave considered how lucky he was to be healthy, the show profiled a living donor who talked about the great feeling of saving a life. Though they had never met anyone who needed a kidney, Dave and his wife soon completed an initial interview pro-

cess, and made the decision together. A few more weeks of medical testing and waiting for a match, then Dave was in for a quick surgery – and a stranger received the gift of life. He was backpacking and running again in a matter of weeks. He received a letter from his recipient who was thankful that he would live to see the birth of his grandchild.

Quilt 16, Block C3



HONORING **Abigail Robinson**

Forest Grove, Oregon
Organ and Tissue Donor
October 20, 2013

Abigail Robinson was 11 years old when she went, along with her 6-year-old sister, Anna, to Heaven, on October 20, 2013. Both girls loved life to the fullest and were loved by everyone they encountered. Abigail was a 6th grader at Tom McCall Upper Elementary School, where she had lots and lots of friends, played the trombone in the band, and made the best of every single day. Anna was a 1st grader at Dilley Elementary School and was just learning how to read. She, too, had lots of friends and loved recess, where she spent her time swinging with her best friend, McKenna. Both Abigail and Anna loved to dance, listen to music, spend time with their family, and loved “hanging out” with their friends every chance they got.

Abigail, upon her passing, was able to donate her organs to individuals who really needed them. We, her family, are so proud of what she has given to others.

Unfortunately, Anna was unable to be an organ donor, but during her life on earth gave so much and continues to do so even after her passing. Both girls are a light for so many.

The design for this square was taken from a drawing that was made by the girls’ mom,

per Abigail’s request, to put on a sweatshirt that was bought this school year. Abigail loved drawing trees and Anna loved climbing them. The leaves are made of fabric that was found in both the girls’ sewing kits and has been used in many art projects by the girls. It is the same fabric that has made pillow covers, curtains, and countless pajama bottoms.

The picture was taken on Orcus Island in the summer of 2013, just before a long hike. Both girls are missed greatly and continue to give those they loved signs that Heaven is real and they are both okay.



*Quilt square designed
and submitted by Susan
Dieter-Robinson, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block E4

HONORING
Brian Jack Robinson

Portland, Oregon
Cornea and tissue donor
1985 – 1993

Seven years of pure joy – He loved his friends, family, dogs, and baseball! Giving in life as well as death, he was a cornea and tissue donor.

We miss you more each year!



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Leslie Coefield,
mother.*

Quilt 16, Block D8

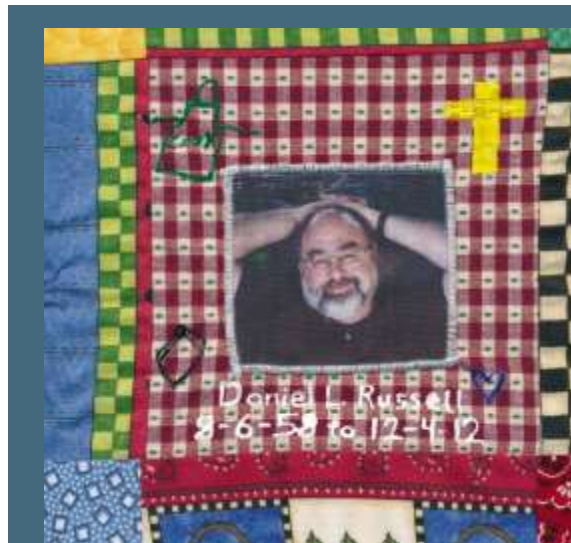


HONORING
Dan Russell
Salem, Oregon
August 6, 1958 – December 4, 2012

We made this square for our cousin, Dan Russell. Dan loved God, his family and friends, and cooking. Dan was a son, husband, father, grandfather, cousin, and uncle. You could find Dan often cooking or barbecuing. His co-workers remember him for his goofy hats, smile, and laughter. He loved his family and his God.

*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Nancy and Megan Foulke.*

Quilt 16, Block D5



HONORING
Tyson Schreiber
Alsea, Oregon
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor
August 21, 1992 – February 12, 2012

Tyson Lee Schreiber was the most awesome son you could ever have in your life. When he turned 15 and wanted to get his learner's permit, we had the discussion about registering to be a donor. When I explained to him about being a donor, he just said, "I want to be a donor." Tyson was also a blood donor at the age of 16, with his parents' consent. He was a very caring person.

Tyson loved life and lived each day to the fullest. He loved to hunt, fish, water-ski, and wakeboard. He played many sports. Starting with little league through

high school, he participated in football, basketball, track, and baseball. When he was a senior, he won State in 1A track in the long jump. He jumped 20 feet, 7 inches! He was so proud! Tyson was also chosen to play in the 1A eight-man football all-star game and the 1A all-star basketball game.

At the time of his passing, he was working for Brass Plumbing and was working toward the plumbing apprenticeship program.

Tyson made an impact on a lot of people during the 19 years he was with us. Tyson was an organ, eye, and tissue donor. There are six other families today who have a second chance to love their loved ones because of his willingness to give to others. There are two people that now can see through his beautiful eyes! He has helped more people than we even know about.

We miss him so much, but our beautiful son lives on through others.

Quilt square designed and submitted by the Schreiber family.

Tyson's quilt square was inspired by the "bone collector" tattoo on Tyson's left shoulder. He loved to hunt, so we decided to put the bone collector on camo fabric for his quilt square.

Quilt 16, Block E1

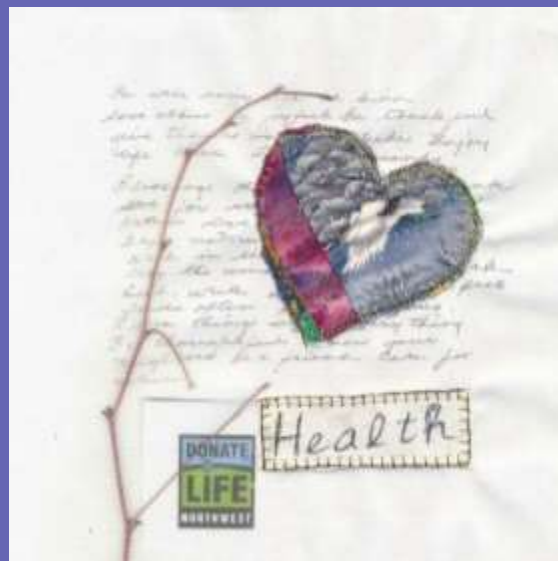


HONORING
Ronald Schrotke, Sr.
Lincoln City, Oregon
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor
September 18, 2008

Ron always wanted to help others, and he did in
life and after.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Phyllis Schrotke, wife.*

Quilt 16, Block C7



HONORING
Rosanne Sitmann

Vancouver, Washington

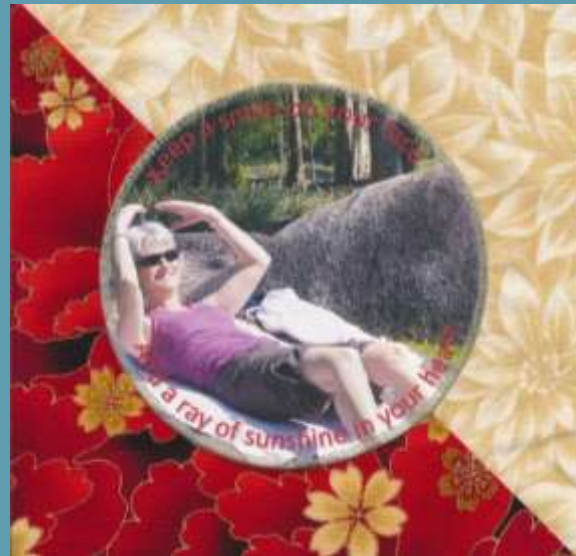
Cornea Donor

September 1, 2013

Rosanne was my friend and yoga teacher. The words on the quilt square come from her father and she passed them on to us. She will always be a ray of sunshine in my heart.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Valerie Deen, friend.*

Quilt 16, Block F6



CELEBRATING
Shelby Summers

Issaquah, Washington
Kidney Recipient
1993

Shelby had her kidney transplant the summer of 1993. She was a sophomore at Evergreen High School and wanted to have the transplant in the summer to ensure she didn't miss any school! Not only an honor student, she also lettered in golf and cross country. Shelby graduated from Western Washington University in 2000.

Today, Shelby and her husband reside in Issaquah, Washington where she works for a law firm in downtown Seattle.

Shelby and her mom (donor) do something special each June to celebrate their transplant anniversary. This year, they will be celebrating their 21st anniversary on June 22, 2014. They've gone snorkeling in Hawaii, dual sport motorcycle riding in Colorado, hiking and golfing in Whistler and relaxing in Vegas.

With a wonderful support system through family, friends and doctors she takes on each adventure life offers. Whether learning trapeze, waltzing, salsa

dancing or running her next 5K, she doesn't allow her medical conditions to dictate her lifestyle.

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We picked the butterfly quilt block as it symbolizes new life, freedom and change. The quilt block was sewn by hand in the 1930-40s by Shelby's great-aunt, Mabel Rasmussen.



Quilt square designed by Mary Taylor and Shelby Summers. Sewn by Mabel Rasmussen, great-aunt. Submitted by Mary Taylor.

Quilt 16, Block F7



HONORING

Susan

Idaho

Lung, Liver, Kidney, Tissue, & Cornea Donor

September 1958 – February 2013

Susan was born in Washington State in September 1958. She was raised in Idaho and passed away there in February 2013. As a child, she loved playing with her two brothers and her sister. She also enjoyed her horse, Trixie, and several favorite playmates. As a teenager, she attended a Quaker-endowed high school in California, which fostered her enthusiasm of the back-to-nature lifestyle and the folk arts: embroidery, pottery, and quilting. She then developed her care-giving nature by pursuing a nursing career, specializing in geriatric skilled nursing and psychiatric rehabilitation.

Susan's life and death were devoted to caring for others, both personally and professionally. She was the mother of a daughter and a son, and the grandmother of one lovely boy. She nurtured two Boston terriers as treasured companions. Susan was deeply loved and is missed on a daily basis by those whose lives she graced and influenced.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Tracy Arrington, friend.*

Quilt 16, Block G1

This quilt square portrays the flower, black-eyed Susan, which is reminiscent of Susan. As teenagers, Susan and her life-long best friend Tracy explored the needle arts together and enjoyed collecting antique fabrics and laces from yard sales, thrift stores, and flea markets. They learned to embroider and quilt, inspired by their interest in the books "Native Funk and Flash" and "Foxfire." Together, they made denim skirts from old jeans, as well as tired and ruffled patchwork creations from interesting florals, worn over hiking boots, with a (preferably elaborately embroidered) denim western shirt. The blue background fabric of the square is from Susan's personal collection.



HONORING
Denise Thomas

Corvallis, Oregon

Died while waiting for a heart; Tissue & Cornea Donor
1997

Our sister, Denise, died in 1997, while waiting for a heart transplant. She was a wonderful mother and her greatest joy was her son, Ryan, who was seven when she passed away. When Ryan was four, she built him a play structure practically single-handedly. When he was interested in insects, she researched and planted a butterfly garden. An accomplished seamstress, she made all of his Halloween costumes, including a dinosaur with a six-foot tail – when he was fascinated with dinosaurs. Her one regret was not being here to watch Ryan grow up.

Before her illness, Denise enjoyed hiking, cross-country skiing, gardening, and quilting. Denise's husband, Allen, is an outdoor reporter for their local newspaper, and she liked accompanying him on his adventures. Her photographs were sometimes printed alongside Allen's articles. Denise also enjoyed time spent with family and especially arranging activities for Ryan and his cousins. If you needed something, she was always the first person to show up with a giving heart and helping hand.



*Quilt square designed
by Catherine Bauer.
Quilt square submitted
by Karren O'Donnell,
sister.*

Quilt 16, Block A5

CELEBRATING The Transplant Trotters

The Portland to Coast is the largest walk relay in the world! Out of the 400 teams who participate, the Transplant Trotters are the only team that actively seeks transplant recipients, living donors, and donor family members. Team members take turns walking the 132 miles from Portland to Seaside, Oregon. The Transplant Trotters joined the Portland to Coast in 1996 in an effort to educate the public about organ donation and transplantation. They demonstrate the normal, active lives that recipients and living donors can lead after donation and transplantation, and help raise awareness about the urgent and ongoing need for organ donors.



*This quilt square was designed
and submitted by Marie Kent,
team member and captain.*

Quilt 16, Block C2



HONORING
Glenda Usinger

Portland, Oregon

Tissue Donor

February 25, 2012

Glenda Marlene (Veenker) Usinger was the fourth of 11 children born to her parents, Hank & Gladys Veenker. She married Theodore Usinger and was raising their two children – daughters Vicki (Usinger) Schibel and Lisa (Usinger) Schubert – when her next-oldest sister, Carolyn (Veenker) Whiffin – herself the mother of nine children – suffered severe burns in a house fire. Tragically, Carolyn died several days later (November 1969), long before medical science had achieved the success of skin grafts seen today. Glenda went on to enjoy a long career as a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. Before her death at age 78 on February 25, 2012, Glenda made arrangements to donate her skin/tissue upon her death, in honor of her sister, Carolyn.



Glenda and Ted with their children and some of their grandchildren (~1992; missing Alisha & Parker).



Glenda (standing directly behind her father) and Carolyn (second from the right) posing with their siblings and parents.*



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Patrice Morris
Hudson, niece.*

Quilt 16, Block A6

HONORING
David Welter

Rainier, Oregon

Cornea Donor

March 15, 1933 – July 18, 2011

Born in Ohio, David moved to Oregon at age three and lived there until his death. After serving with the Army in Germany in the mid-50s, he married his longtime-girlfriend, Lillibell Swatman. They were happily married for 55 years and have three children: Lonny, Twila, and Gwyn. They also have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

My Dad raised us on a small farm with a cow that he milked twice a day, pigs, chickens, and a summer garden. He also fed birds and made houses for them to raise

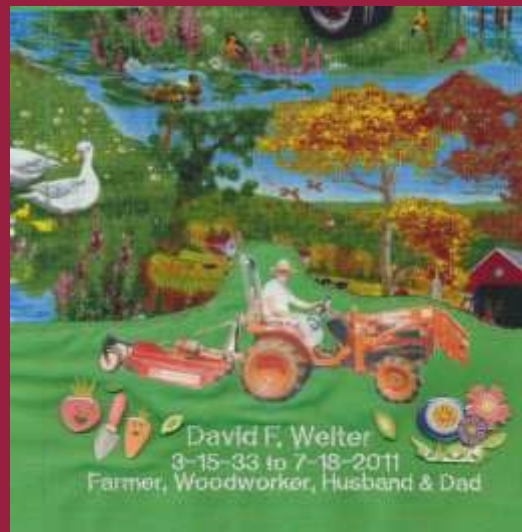
their babies in. When we were growing up, there was never a dull moment. He would take us on road trips just to check out the hills, old dump spots to look for treasures, and snow-skiing with skis from the Goodwill. He loved working with wood making all the grandkids toys: trucks, guns, rocking chairs and cradles for the dolls. I remember many times I would ask him if he could make me one of these and when I returned, he had made one. It was absolutely amazing the workmanship he had.

He enjoyed making others happy. He would help whenever he could.

This quilt block represents my Dad with the happy look on his face. He always had a smile while operating his favorite toy.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Twila Nelson, daughter.

Quilt 16, Block H6



HONORING
David Welter

Rainier, Oregon

Cornea Donor

March 15, 1933 – July 18, 2011

David lived in the Goble, OR area most of his life. He was in the Army for three years. Married for fifty-five years.

David was a great son, husband, father of three, grandfather of ten, great-grandfather of eight.

He loved helping anyone that needed help. He loved helping the neighbors in their strawberry field. He worked in the field and hauled to the farmer's market. He did this until he went in for heart surgery.

He is greatly missed by family and friends.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Lillibell Welter, wife, and Gwyn Benson, daughter.

Quilt 16, Block F4

HONORING Cindy Welty

Salem, Oregon
Cornea Donor

May 21, 1953 – March 21, 2013

Cindy Kay Henderson Welty, was born on May 21, 1953 in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Cleveland High School in 1972. She has one child, Bonnie Kay Hodson, born November 8, 1977 at OHSU.

I met Cindy on February 14, 2007, eighteen months after the loss of my first wife due to cancer. Cindy had a wonderful zest for life. In May 2007, we had a friendship ring ceremony at Silver Falls State Park. That August, she planned a surprise at Bush Park in Salem and a surprise at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, where I worked summers.



In December, I proposed to Cindy on Christmas Eve at my sister's in Springfield, and we planned a June 23, 2008 wedding in Keizer. The wedding never happened due to her breast cancer diagnosis on April 28, 2008. From May 1 until November 24, 2008, she went through chemo along with radiation treatments. From 2009 until the summer of 2011, she had five reconstructive surgeries as she lost her right breast. We planned a wedding for September 15, 2012 at Fisherman's Bend, east of Salem near Mill City. Instead, her cancer came back on that day in her lungs and esophagus. On September 16, we got married at Salem Hospital ICU.

My wife showed great courage, strong faith, and a determination that God would heal her. Cindy was hired as a community health worker in 2009, to share her story about getting mammograms. She had a developmental disability which made it hard for her to work at regular jobs, so this opportunity was not unnoticed. Finally, Cindy worked at Partners in Policy, where she worked at the Capitol for disability rights.

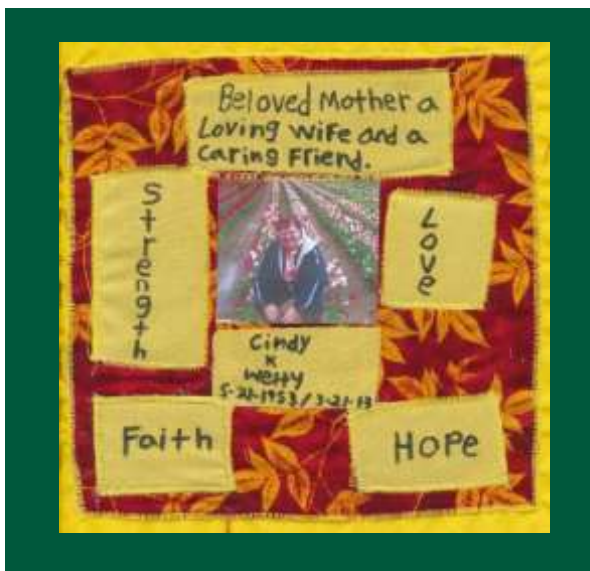
After having chemo again in September 2012, she resided in skilled nursing center from November to January 16, 2013. She lived at home for two and a half months until we went to Salem Hospital on March 20, 2013. She spent one night at the hospital, and on March 21 – the first day of spring – she went into cardiac arrest and died that afternoon, to be with

her Lord.

Bonnie and I, along with family and friends, miss her. I thank God that her eyes have been donated so others can have the gift of sight.

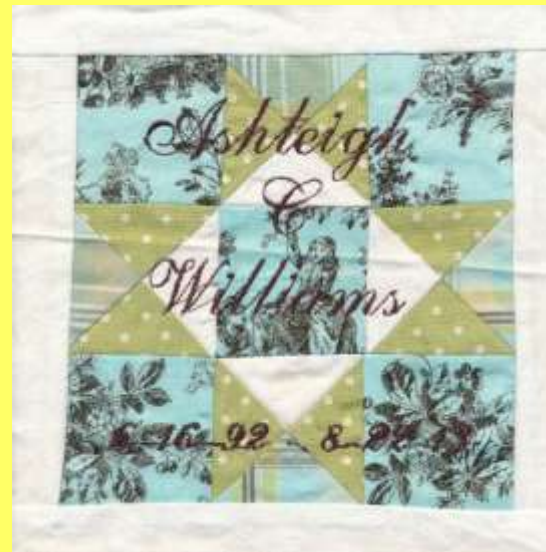
*Quilt square designed & submitted by
Kelly Bisby, friend, & Mark Welty,
husband.*

Quilt 16, Block G6



HONORING
Ashleigh Williams
Port Orchard, Washington
Donor
June 16, 1992 – August 22, 2013

Our amazing and beautiful daughter lived her entire life to honor God and give to others. She made the decision at 15 ½ when she got her learners permit to be an organ donor. Even though she is no longer here with us, we are thankful that others continue to be touched and blessed through Ashleigh's giving heart.



*Quilt square designed by
Ashleigh's Aunt Nancy,
submitted by Tamra
Williams, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block B3

HONORING
Brooklyne Williams
Boise, Idaho
April 15, 1993 – August 16, 2013

This quilt square honors our beloved daughter, Brooklyne Kayla Williams. Brooklyne was born on April 15, 1993 in Boise, Idaho, with a rare medical condition, Short Bowel Syndrome. Although Brooklyne had a disability, she did not let this define her life. She lived her life to the fullest, loving life, enjoying hobbies such as dancing, traveling, and anything to do with water, especially the beaches.

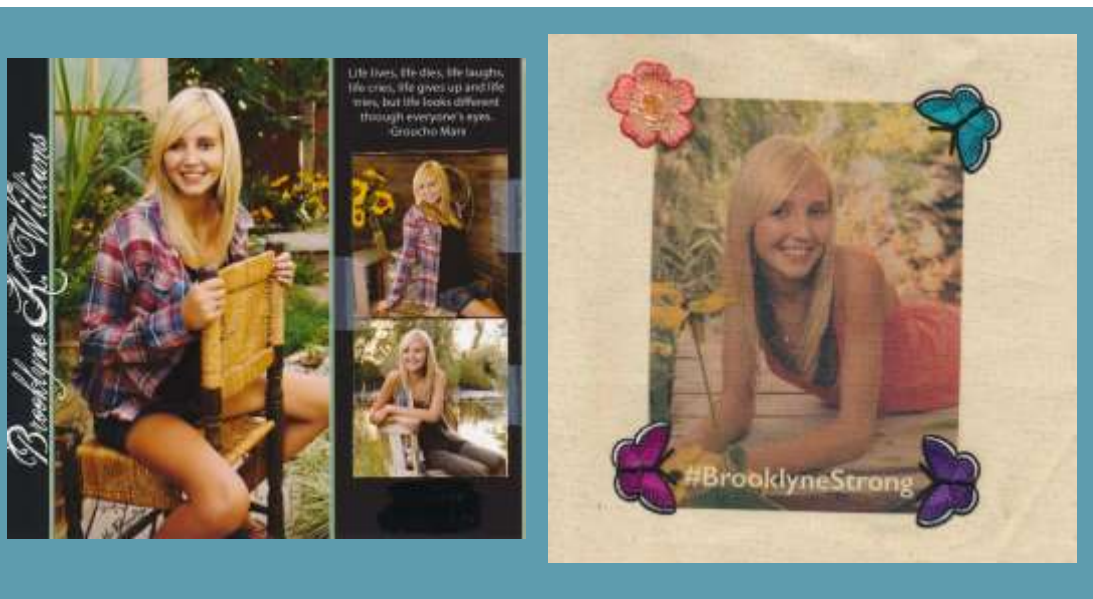
Many people didn't know Brooklyne had medical issues. She kept it a secret and wanted people to see her as she was: a strong, loving, generous soul. Brooklyne was such a beautiful, strong person that everyone who met her instantly loved her. Brooklyne was attending Boise State University and was a member of a sorority when she passed away. Brooklyne would tell her doctors they would need to schedule procedures, surgeries, or discharge her from the hospital to attend

classes and was able to maintain A's and B's. In her honor, her sorority sisters made #BrooklyneStrong bracelets to help fund a scholarship in her name. Brooklyne always knew there might be a possibility of her needing a transplant someday in life and had told her family that if she passed on, she would like to donate whatever organs or tissues she could.

Brooklyne died on August 16, 2013, after battling a long, courageous year of medical issues. She left behind a love that will never be forgotten by her family and friends; she will forever be in our hearts and always our beautiful guardian angel.

*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Monica Williams, mother.*

Quilt 16, Block A2



CELEBRATING
Kylee Young
Dallas, Oregon
Kidney Recipient
September 9, 2013

My granddaughter, Kylee, is a charming, beautiful 3 ½ year old who developed Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome in April 2012, at 23 months of age, as the result of an e. coli infection. Her little body sustained extensive damage to multiple organs, including her kidneys. She spent a very long time in the hospital and faces long-term rehabilitation. She had a live-donor transplant on September 9, 2013. She was so lucky that her mother, Jill, could be the donor. Since the transplant, Kylee's medical condition has improved greatly. She still has a long way to go, but she is one tough little girl. She loves her family, soccer, tutus, her iPad, and animals. square reminds me of Baba.



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Robin Davison-
Fleury, grandmother.*

*Throughout the last two years, her
stuffed puppy, Baba has been a
constant companion This square
reminds me of Baba.*

Quilt 16, Block E2

Ann was a teaching partner with Jan Zyp, who is Tom's wife. Tom has been living with diabetes since a teenager with juvenile onset diabetes. He is a "brittle diabetic" but has managed his health extremely well all his life. At age 55 (2001) he was told he would need a new kidney as his were failing. His wife Jan began the testing process to become a donor and made it through until the final consult with Tom's surgeon who said "no." Jan came to school the next day and explained, tearfully, their situation. I said: "Well, I'll do it!" This was May 8, 2002.

We met at their home that evening and Tom explained that protocol prevented him from asking me directly to donate; but, if I wished, he gave me the names and contact information for the office to find out about the process and procedure. I was 55. I had never had surgery or stayed in a hospital except for the births of my three sons. Over the next four weeks, I went through all of the testing and I was accepted. We agreed to schedule the surgery soon after school was out to allow for my recovery before the next school year. By the end of the school year, Tom's kidney function was low and he had started dialysis; it was not going well. The initial surgery date was July 8, 2002; but Tom had developed an infection associated with dialysis and his

CELEBRATING
Tom Zyp
Hillsboro, Oregon
Kidney Recipient

CELEBRATING
Ann Torgerson
Hillsboro, Oregon
Living Kidney Donor
July 22, 2002

overall health was fading rapidly. In spite of the infection but because of his declining health, the surgery was not delayed long and took place on July 22d.

I felt giddy! I was excited and blessed to be able to do this for Tom. I felt that the Lord had prepared me for this and prompted my willingness to donate my kidney. I felt there was a peace that it was the right thing to do from the beginning without any reservations. I did have the blessing and permission of my husband and we both felt the leading of Jesus to provide this gift to Tom.

The surgery went very well and my kidney began functioning in him almost immediately after the transplant. Tom had a steak dinner in ICU, while I was still on ice chips! It was worth it and I would do it again if I could. Tom has returned to his same obnoxious humorous self.



Quilt 16, Block D2

Our two families have become closer as we are now retired. Jan and I quilt; Tom and my husband, JV, play golf. We get together regularly for dinner, games, and several vacations.

I am amazed at the difference in Tom's quality of life and praise the Lord that I was able to contribute. It has been almost 12 years as I write this. I have no regrets and have never felt a difference with only one kidney. I would strongly encourage others to consider being a living kidney donor. You do not have to know the recipient and can do so anonymously. You too can be a blessing to others and save a life!

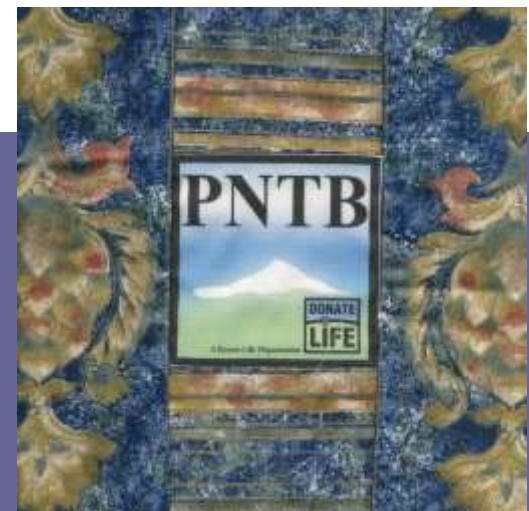
CELEBRATING Life



*This special square was designed and submitted by **Aubra Scott-Hinkle**, the grand-daughter of Donate Life Northwest staff member, Sue Scott, to honor the celebration of life and the people who gave of themselves so that others may live.*

Quilt 16, Block C4

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Mary Jane Hunt

Wilsonville, Oregon
Executive Director, Donate Life Northwest
1985 - June 30, 2014



Mary Jane Hunt continued her commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation long after her mother became a cornea donor. Beginning her journey in 1985 as program coordinator of then Oregon Donor Program, Mary Jane led the creation of Oregon's legally-recognized donor registry and built community-wide partnerships in Oregon and SW Washington resulting in more than 2.2 million registered donors in Oregon.

With vision, persistence, and her gift for building consensus, Mary Jane established Donate Life Northwest as a nationwide leader in effective program and budget development to advance the cause of donation. Mary Jane has impacted countless lives in her 28 years of creative and dedicated leadership, giving hope to those who await a life-changing gift or organ, eye, or tissue donation.

The staff of Donate Life Northwest dedicates this quilt square in honor of Mary Jane in acknowledgement of her professional, compassionate leadership in support of Donate Life Northwest's mission.

Thank you, Mary Jane! You are a rock star!

Quilt 16, Block H2

