

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 2019 *Threads of Life Quilt*, comprised of individually-designed squares created by people touched by organ, eye, and tissue donation. For donor families, their squares not only recognize the loss of their loved ones, but provide an avenue for healing as well as inspiration for others. For transplant recipients, quilt squares allow them to express their gratitude to the donors who gave them a new lease on life.

This year's quilt demonstrates that age and/or health history are not necessarily barriers to donation. There are squares honoring donors ranging in age from 3 months to 83 years. There are also donors represented here who were transplant recipients themselves, choosing to continue that life-saving legacy to help others.

Moreover, this quilt represents the strong ties that bind families who have a personal connection to donation and transplant. Like Beth Hoover, whose grandmother, father, brother, and daughter are all honored here. And Jack Valder, a cornea donor and his son Bob Valder, a tissue and cornea donor. And, Bobby Olive, Oregon's first heart donor. Bobby, his recipient, his mother, and his cousin are all represented on this quilt.

We hope that you will take the time to learn about each individual represented in this year's quilt and be inspired by their stories included in this book. Organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation transforms lives every day. We are so grateful to those who have made the commitment to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

Leslie Brock

Executive Director
Donate Life Northwest
March 2019



HONORING
DENISE ANDERSON
MEDFORD, OREGON
ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR

Denise lived by the philosophy, “Make a difference in our world” and expressed this in several ways. One of the ways Denise made a difference was by helping others in giving a kind word, an inspirational thought, or a hand up.

Denise had a passion for cooking and baking. Her love for cooking made learning easy, and she was always eager to try new recipes. One way she made a difference was by sharing her love of cooking and baking and expressing kindness toward others by hosting cooking and baking lessons at home for coworkers and friends who wanted to learn. She would send everyone home with knowledge and recipes that would enable them to create meals on their own. After perfecting some favorites and family recipes, Denise became inspired to create a cookbook of family favorites, including her own, as well as some which had been passed down four generations. This cookbook was passed around among family and close friends to capture memories, and of course, the recipes were delicious. Denise’s love of baking also developed into making baked goods for coworkers during joyous or challenging times to bring them some sunshine and boost their spirits. This is just one of many ways in which Denise made a difference in our world.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly and Alan Anderson,
Denise’s parents.*

Quilt 21, Block F3



CELEBRATING
MELISSA BROWN
WILSONVILLE, OREGON
HEART RECIPIENT
AUGUST 29, 2015

Melissa Brown received her heart transplant after waiting in the hospital for over 40 days. Her donor's family made a selfless decision to donate their loved one, Will's organs in the midst of their grief. Melissa (pictured below center), her family, and friends are so grateful for his gift.



*Quilt square designed by Melissa Brown and her aunt, Pat Yancey.
Submitted by Melissa Brown.*

Quilt 21, Square A4

HONORING
JEANETTE BURNS
PORTLAND, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
MARCH 16, 1975—SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Jeanette Louise Barrett was born March 16, 1975 in Oak Harbor, WA. She was married on May 1, 2010 to David Burns. They lived very happily in Portland, OR until her sudden death.

Jeanette had a strong love for God, family, friends, and children. She had a passion for teaching and loving them. Often referred to as “Mary Poppins” by the families she worked for, she cared for others’ children like they were her own. She was also a volunteer advocate for court cases involving children.

Jeanette loved deeply and passionately. She was “a kindhearted woman,” which was portrayed by the tattoo on her inner wrist. The same symbol that is on the quilt square was used in the thirties by hobos to let each other know where there was “a kindhearted woman” who would give them food, clothing, or work. Jeanette had the tattoo to remind herself to be kind. She was kind. Always ready to help others in need, and to give all she could, even in death.

Jeanette was an avid reader, had a joy for life, loved water, sailing, music, movies, animals, playing games, trivia, comics, graphic novels, and was a Seahawks fan.

The blue fabric on the quilt square came from the leftover fabric of her wedding dress that she designed herself. Jeanette loved to fill the details of anything she planned with symbolism, intention, and care.

Jeanette’s name means, “God is gracious.” So was Jeanette. She is missed.



Quilt square designed by Janet Mann, made by Mary Hunter, and submitted by Jeanette’s husband, David Burns.

Quilt 21, Block G6



HONORING
DUSTIN COE
DALLAS, TEXAS
LIVER DONOR
MARCH 17, 2002

Dustin was an active, outgoing, charming young man. He was loved by all. Just one week before his four-wheeler accident, Donate Life was at school, presenting. His parents were surprised by his wish to donate his organs. A week later, I was so honored and blessed that he did. Thank you, Dustin!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Dustin's liver recipient, Samantha Page of Newport, Oregon.

Quilt 21, Block H4



HONORING
JENNIE DELACRUZ
HEART DONOR
AUGUST 1982—DECEMBER 2016

Jennie grew up in a loving home with a family filled with faith, love, and patriotism. She was a devoted mother who lovingly provided for her children.

Jennie was highly respected and loved by her friends. She was gifted with a fun-loving wit, and she brought much laughter and joy to those who knew her. She also wrote beautiful poetry that reflected her strong faith and devotion for the Lord.

Jennie will be forever missed by all who love her.

It has been two years since Jennie gifted her heart to me, and it still beats strong. Jennie Strong.



*Quilt square created and
submitted by Teresa Higby,
heart recipient.*

Quilt 21, Block D2

CELEBRATING
DAVID DEWITT
PORTLAND, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 AND MAY 28, 2011

My Dad, the awesomest person I know, is living his life with two transplanted kidneys. His first transplant was before I was even an idea, but the second one was when I was five years old. It was the scariest thing that I remember. I am happy to have David Dewitt as my Dad.

Quilt square designed and submitted by David's daughter, Nevaeh Dewitt.

Quilt 21, Block F1



HONORING
JOHN W. EARLENBAUGH
PORTLAND, OREGON
HEART RECIPIENT, 2002
MAY 17, 1935—DECEMBER 16, 2018

The heart transplant that our father received in 2002 gave our family seventeen more years with him. He was able to see his eight grandchildren grow to adulthood, and saw his first great-grandchild. Best of all, he was able to play golf again — a game that brought him a lot of joy.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by daughters, Stephanie Peterson,
Dana Earlenbaugh, and Janna Moore.*

Quilt 21, Block 14



HONORING
ROBERT ESPARZA
GRESHAM, OREGON
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR
OCTOBER 28, 1994—SEPTEMBER 24, 2016



Robert was a talented young man. Not only was he smart, but he was very handy with strong construction skills as well as organizational skills. He was my right-hand man.

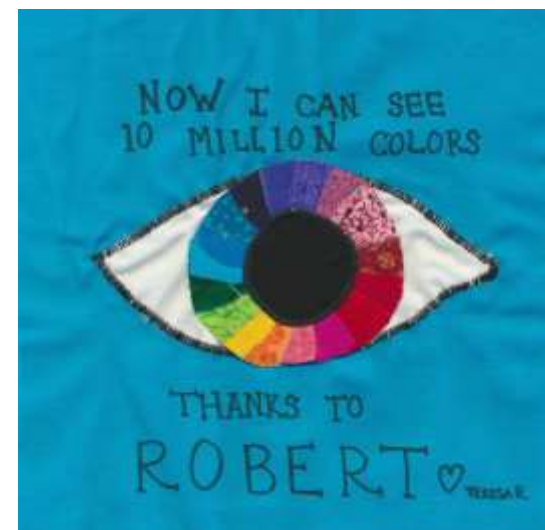
*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Simon Esparza, Robert's Dad.*

Quilt 21, Block I5



*Quilt square designed and submitted by Teresa
Rambaud, Robert's cornea recipient
(pictured left).*

Quilt 21, Block C7



HONORING
BOBBY FUNDERBURK, JR.
MILWAUKIE, OREGON
LIVER & KIDNEY DONOR
JULY 2, 2016

My son, Bobby Funderburk, Jr., had an amazing smile. Along with that amazing smile, he had an infectious laugh. He truly wanted to make people happy.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Michelle Milne and Bobby's mother, Melissa Rambow.

Quilt 21, Block F6



HONORING
MARK HAGEN
BOISE, IDAHO
KIDNEY AND PANCREAS DONOR
MAY 20, 2016

My donor, Mark Hagen, was known for his big, fun personality, his love for family, a passion for the great outdoors, and high academic achievements, but mostly for his huge heart. Mark is loved and missed by many. I am forever grateful and a better person because of him.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Angela Bates,
recipient of Mark's kidney and pancreas.*

Quilt 21, Block H6



HONORING
STEPHANY HENSON
MEDFORD, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
JANUARY 13, 2018

Stephany's sole purpose in life was to love. She had a wonderfully generous spirit and spent many hours in service to others. One of her cherished projects was knitting bereavement sets for newborn babies.

The greatest lesson I learned from her was that love is about giving, not receiving. Throughout her life she gave, and so being able to give at the end of her life was a true blessing.

Me and my five siblings really miss her.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Shawna Schleif, daughter.

Quilt 21, Block C2



Here, Stephany is pictured showcasing one of her many creations for "Newborns in Need." Over the years, she handcrafted hundreds of these beautiful knitted pieces.

HONORING
NAKIA HENTZ
PORTLAND, OREGON
HEART RECIPIENT—JULY 2015
TISSUE & CORNEA DONOR—JANUARY 31, 2018

At the age of 17, Nakia contracted a virus that attacked her heart. She was put on a machine known as a left ventricular assist device or LVAD that pumped her heart for five and a half years. On July 4, 2015, Nakia received her first heart transplant at OHSU. Unfortunately, she suffered a heart attack just hours after the transplant and was put on life support for the next eight days. Nakia then received a second heart transplant on July 12, 2015. She carried this heart for two and a half years.

At the age of 24, in January 2018, Nakia gave the gifts of tissue and corneas to others. She is gone too soon, but we are thankful for the time we had.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Lei Hentz, Nakia's mom and Deanna
Franks, a family friend.*

Quilt 21, Block G3

CELEBRATING
ROBERT HERMAN
CAMAS, WASHINGTON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
APRIL 1, 2009

My family's lives can be wrapped up in one sentence: "We know what it's like to be naked in the middle of a tornado, and all this stuff flying at us, with nothing to hold onto but each other."

Here's why: When I (Rob) was just nine, my mom had a major brain hemorrhage due to Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) that literally left her a "vegetable." She died over 10 years later from kidney failure resulting from PKD. I was placed on the organ donor transplant list due to PKD when I was 41. My kidney transplant call would come three years later on a beautiful Spring Saturday.

During my recovery, our five-year-old daughter, Kaley, was diagnosed with a large cyst attached to the base of her brain from PKD. She would need brain surgery.

My colon ruptured when I was 50. Then, a year later, my oldest sister had a massive brain aneurysm caused by PKD while she was at work. She probably died before she hit the floor. She was only 56.

That's just a little of our unbelievable story (which can be read in its entirety in our book, "Naked in the Middle of a Tornado: the True Story,") but our motto remains: **NEVER GIVE IN!**

Thank you to anyone who is an organ donor! You are a hero!



*Quilt square designed and created by
Jeanne Weirich and submitted by Rob,
Linda, Kaley, and Journey Herman.*

Quilt 21, Block D8

HONORING
CAMERON HORTON
PORTLAND, OREGON
ORGAN DONOR
NOVEMBER 29, 2018



Cameron was born in Germany and raised in Texas and North Carolina. He was a well-rounded individual. He played the violin as an elective, and in doing so, placed within the Top 5 in his violin solo and ensemble orchestra. Later in life, he also taught himself the basics of guitar. Along with multiple honor roll and scholastic achievements, his pursuit in life was always geared toward electronics. He had one more year to go to graduate with a degree in computer engineering. He once took apart an old computer and put it back together again. He was a very sweet and soft-spoken individual.

An avid anime and comic book-lover, he frequented Otakon and Comicon conventions. He also enjoyed video games and the alternative worlds and lives that came with them. Video games and electronics were a staple in his life, and early on they showed what type of person he would become. But no one knew how he would use those video games to help shape his life for the better.

Cameron donated his organs — kidneys, liver, heart, and lungs — and saved five lives. He was fueled in his belief in organ donation by the struggle of seeing his stepfather on dialysis and knowing how long the waiting list to receive organs is.

Quilt square was designed and submitted by Eva Watkins, mother.

Quilt 21, Block B3



Cameron was my boyfriend. We had only been dating since July, but our relationship was like a fairytale to me. He was like that “Adorably Awkward” guy you only see in fairy tales. We didn’t have to go out to have fun. We loved to stay in and watch our favorite anime on Netflix and spending time together. We went on our first date on July 17, 2018 and our last was November 24, 2018. Even though it was only five months, he was an important part of my life. He’ll always hold a piece of my heart.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Eden Voges, girlfriend.

Quilt 21, Blocks A8, I7



CELEBRATING
MARY JANE HUNT
WILSONVILLE, OREGON
DONATION ADVOCATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DONATE LIFE NORTHWEST, RETIRED



For twenty-eight years, Mary Jane Hunt served as the executive director for the Oregon Donor Program and Donate Life Northwest. I made this quilt square to show my love and appreciation for her long career as executive director, and for being the most loving mother-in-law I could have asked for. She is the best resource for all things related to Donate Life Northwest, as well as life advice. Mary Jane is a willing volunteer to any event I sign her up for. She is encouraging and proud of my career as Development Coordinator at Donate Life Northwest.

Mary Jane, thank you for all the love and advice you have given me throughout the years, and for being my best friend. Love you, MeMe!

*Quilt square created and submitted by
Carolina Hunt, Mary Jane's daughter-in-
law and Donate Life Northwest Develop-
ment Coordinator.*

Quilt 21, Block C4



HONORING
RYLEE MARIE JACKSON
BURNS, OREGON
HEART, LIVER, AND KIDNEY DONOR
JULY 15, 2018—NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Our Rylee girl was a smiling, happy baby, who even at three months could light up a room. Unfortunately, illness took her from us much too soon. While in the hospital, we learned that Rylee means, “Courageous,” and she became our courageous miracle – and a miracle for three other families through organ donation. Her brothers, Cody and Wade, started calling her their shooting star because she was beautiful and with us only for a short while. Knowing Rylee was able to save others makes our grief a little more bearable. The comfort her organ donation has provided us is so great that words fail to describe it.

Our grief is immense, but the joy she brought to us during her short life is so much greater. We choose to focus on the joy and the miracles. We smile through the tears, look up to the heavens, and know she watches us from the stars. She was a blessing, a courageous miracle, and she will always be loved.



The Star
Author Unknown

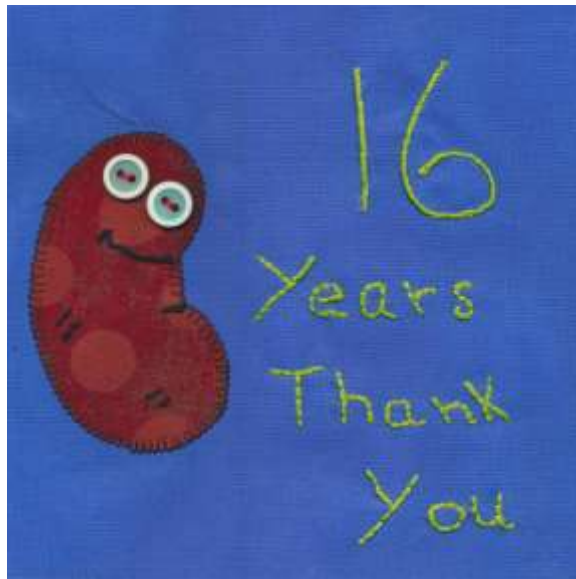
A light went out on Earth for me
The day we said goodbye
And on that day a star was born,
The brightest in the sky
Reaching through the darkness
With its rays of purest white
Lighting up the Heavens
As it once lit up my life
With beams of love to heal
The broken heart you left behind
Where always in my memory
Your lovely star will shine.



*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Kyle and Autumn Jackson, Rylee's
parents.*

Quilt 21, Block A6

CELEBRATING
KATHY LANGSTON
EUGENE, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
MARCH 19, 2003



I am honoring my unknown donor for the last sixteen years of life I wouldn't have had if it hadn't been for them. I thank God every day for my life and the kidney I received that day.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Kathy Langston.

Quilt 21, Block A2

HONORING
DREW LAUNIUS
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
ORGAN DONOR
MAY 16, 2017

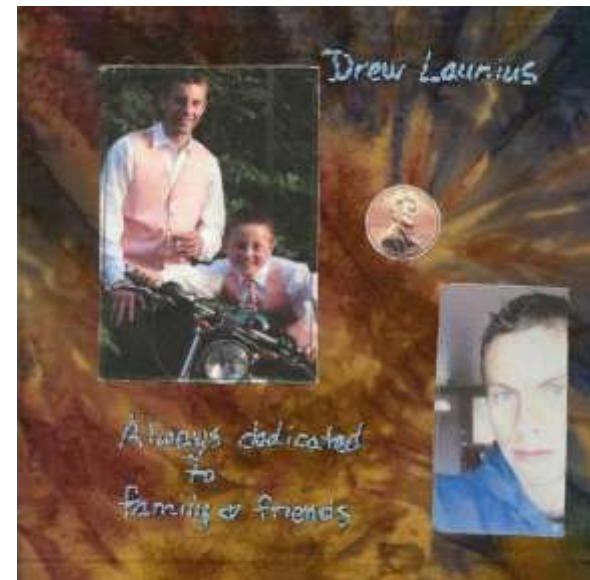
Drew had an amazing, adventurous spirit, and it was vivid to all of us who knew him. He was always on-the-go, living life fully and experiencing each day to the fullest. If you needed help, he'd be there, smiling and doing everything in his power to lead the charge. He was not afraid to seek out new adventures and experiences. He was committed to his health and his body. A dedicated workout regime was important to him. He was always striving to be his best and encouraging others to do the same. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, and friend. He learned unconditional love, and both gave and received it. Family and friends came first and were hugely important to him.

For years, we enjoyed watching Drew throw pennies out of his pockets, into the air, without any regard and with a smirk on his face. Pennies seemed worthless to him. He was after more – so much more. Now, each time we find a penny, we can't help but think of Drew with a warm smile. It reminds us of his pushing forward through difficult times and coming out as the victor. With his tenacious spirit, he conquered personal battles, one after another. He had such a zest for life and a contagious, joyous spirit.

Drew was able to donate five organs: his heart, lungs, kidneys, and liver.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Drew's mom, Coni Faulkner, with assistance from his sister, Christina Beutler and nephew, Isaiah Graber.

Quilt 21, Block E7



HONORING
LOREN LEIGHTON
SPRINGFIELD, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Loren was born in Frankfurt, Germany, while his dad was stationed there in the Army. Loren grew up on the Oregon coast and graduated from Oregon State University as a chemical engineer.

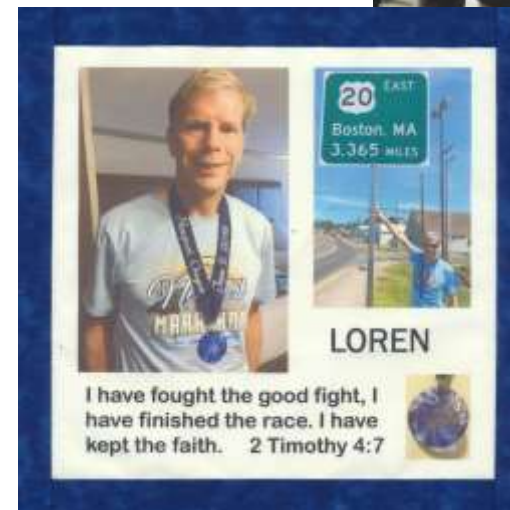
He prioritized his life with God first, family second, his career, and then his hobbies. He passionately worshipped and served the Lord and enjoyed mentoring young men. He and his wife celebrated their 40th anniversary this year. They had three daughters who married great men. Loren loved spending time with his children, their spouses, and grandchildren. He enjoyed camping, traveling, playing games, and completing puzzles. He was an avid fisherman while living in Lane County, with the Blue McKenzie being his favorite river. Salmon and steelhead fishing were at the top of his list, but he also enjoyed catching brown trout and kokanee.

Running became a recent passion. He started by running the Prefontaine Memorial 10K in his hometown, and then progressed to running a dozen half marathons. In June 2018, he completed his first marathon in Newport, Oregon and qualified to run the Boston Marathon in April 2019. His bucket list was to run it with our youngest daughter. Unfortunately, he had a tragic ladder accident, sustained severe head trauma, and passed away in November 2018.

As a registered organ donor, Loren was able to donate his liver, both kidneys, and corneas.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Irene Leighton, Loren's wife.

Quilt 21, Blocks B7, A7



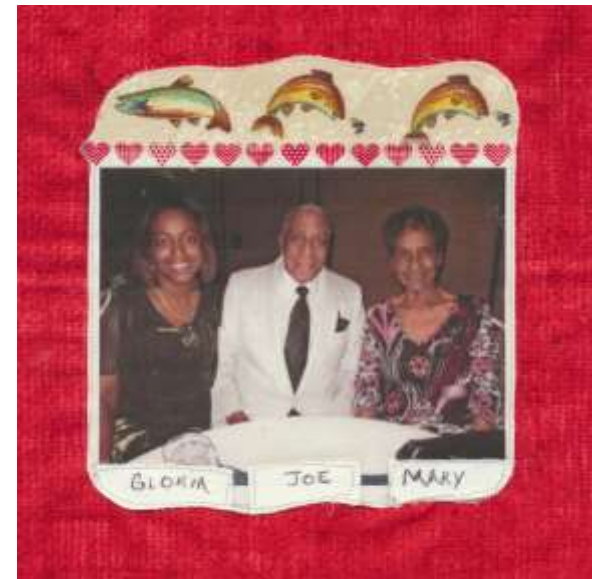
GLORIA LITTLE

PORTLAND, OREGON
WAITING ON A KIDNEY

Gloria Little is on the waiting list with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) for a kidney transplant. She is also a participant in Donate Life Northwest's *Erase the Wait* mentorship program. She is joined in her wait by her parents (pictured with her at right), her three children, and four grandchildren. As you can see on the quilt square, they love fishing together.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Gloria Little.

Quilt 21, Block F7



HONORING
DANA LOUGH
WILSONVILLE, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Dana Patrick Lough was 47 when he passed away. He was a graduate of Northern Arizona University and had various colorful jobs working toward his career as president of a well-respected wholesale insurance company. While in college, he worked as a *teppanyaki* chef and continued to do so after graduation. He also spent several months on a fishing boat in Alaska, where he earned enough money to enable him and his best friend Markus to backpack around Europe for several months.

He loved spending time at the Oregon coast, running on the beach with his dog, Molly. Dana was loving and generous to everyone — friends, family, and casual acquaintances.

Dana's proudest and most loving moments were spent with his two precious daughters, Megan and Anna. He never stopped talking about their accomplishments — Megan as a dancer and Anna as a brilliant student. He is so missed by his brother Kevin, niece Shayden, and nephews Finn and Ronan. Dana has left a great hole in our family. He would be so comforted to know that his corneas were of use to two recipients.

We love you, Dana, and miss you so much. You are always in our hearts, and we are proud to be your parents.

Love, Mom and Dad ❤️

*Quilt square designed by Ann Potempa;
submitted by Bobbie Lough, Dana's mother.
Quilt 21, Block 13*



HONORING
ARLIE MARTIN
DAMASCUS, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JUNE 6, 2008

Arlie was Grandpa's favorite. They were both radiographers, superb mechanics, great problem solvers, and both could fix or construct anything. It was amazing to see them together, often bent over some car engine while Grandpa, almost blind, was giving directions and Arlie was doing the work.

Arlie spent every Sunday with Grandpa, keeping him company and helping around the house. When Grandpa had a stroke, Arlie rushed him to the hospital and stayed with him. After the stroke, Grandpa was partially paralyzed and could not speak clearly. Most people could only converse with Grandpa for a few minutes before giving up, but Arlie talked with him endlessly.

Arlie made Grandpa laugh all the time. Grandpa couldn't control his flatulence and often passed gas loudly at inopportune times — to which Arlie responded, "Grandpa, go outside if you're going to do that!" or "Grandpa, you better check your pants." Grandpa would laugh until he choked. When Grandpa tried to feed himself, he always made a big mess. Arlie would tease, "Grandpa souped himself again!" Arlie helped Grandpa with his physical therapy and when Grandpa was uncooperative, Arlie threatened to dig a hole in the back yard and bury him.

In 2004, Grandma and Grandpa moved to New Jersey, and Grandpa died in 2007. During his last days, we all said our goodbyes to Grandpa over the phone, knowing that he could hear but not speak. When Arlie talked to him, Grandpa tried desperately to answer and the tears streamed down his face. Arlie was the only one that Grandpa responded to. Arlie's son was born a few months later and was named after Grandpa.



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

Quilt 21, Block G8

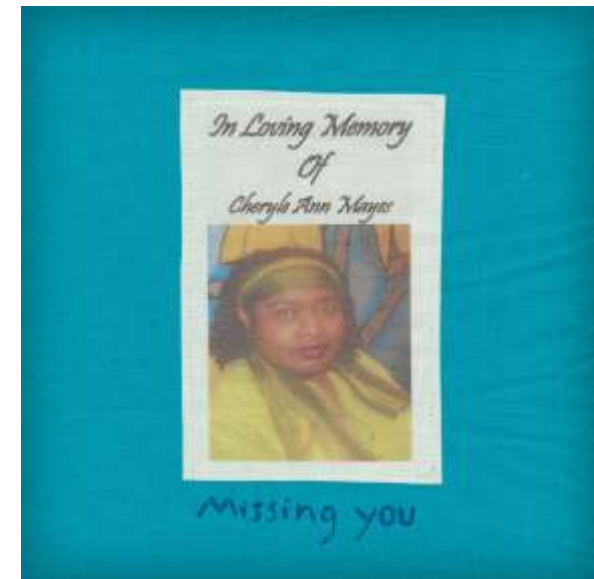
HONORING
CHERYLE ANN MAYES
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
MARCH 2005

Cheryle Ann was a very amazing person. She loved her family unconditionally. She was the mother of two—Chevelle and Andre.

Cheryle enjoyed life. She was so happy when she received her kidney. She was able to do things that she had been unable to do for years while she was on kidney dialysis.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by her
cousin, Balinda Olive-Beltran.*

Quilt 21, Block D5



HONORING
ROBERT H. McBEAN, SR.
PILOT ROCK, OREGON
DONOR FAMILY MEMBER
OCTOBER 24, 1933—SEPTEMBER 22, 1995

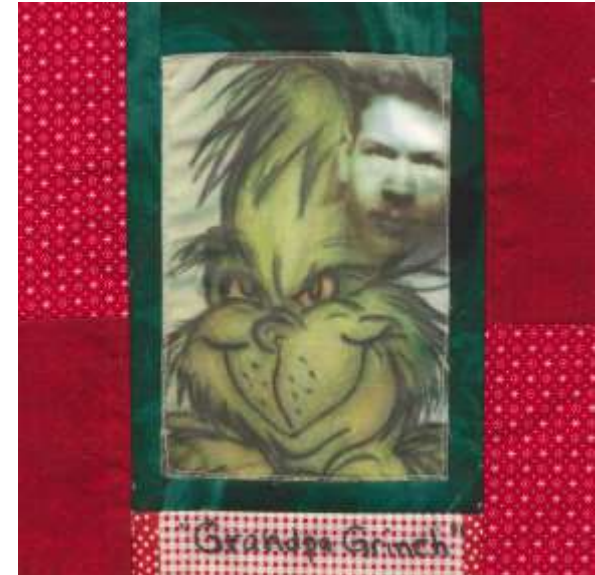
Robert had a twin brother, Joe. They were born October 24, 1933 and shared their birthday with Robert's daughter, Rosa Lee, who was born in 1960.

Robert worked many years as a mechanic at Lamb Weston in Weston, Oregon. He raised 8 children — 4 sons, 4 daughters, and loved many nieces and nephews. He loved every child unconditionally, including his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved the holidays and obtained the nickname, "Grandpa Grinch" saying, "Bah Humbug!" during the holidays.

Robert's wife, Margaret, was a donor, and his wish was to be also. However, when he passed away, his family was disappointed that he was unable to donate.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by daughters,
Rosa Hays and Mary Garcia.*

Quilt 21, Block G2



HONORING
MAURICE MCCONNELL
PORTLAND, OREGON
WHOLE BODY DONOR
JUNE 7, 1920—OCTOBER 30, 1979

My father, Maurice McConnell was a super beautiful human being with a kind heart that loved to help those who needed it. He served his country in the US Coast Guard and loved his children and our mother.

I love and miss you forever.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by daughter,
Inia McConnell*

Quilt 21, Block B1



CELEBRATING
CINDY MCINTYRE
HERMISTON, OREGON
HEART RECIPIENT
JULY 8, 2014

Cindy's journey toward heart transplant began on February 11, 2011, which was the first of many trips to the hospital when the defibrillator would be used to restart her heart again and again and again. Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, Cindy received a new heart on July 8, 2014.



Cindy McIntyre (second from left) with husband, Steve (far left), and other Donate Life Northwest advocates at the Pendleton Round Up Parade in Fall 2018.



*Square designed and submitted by
Cindy McIntyre.*

Quilt 21, Block F5

HONORING
ELIZABETH MCNAMARA
CAMAS VALLEY, OREGON
LIVER & KIDNEY DONOR
JANUARY 11, 2018

Beth McNamara was a loving and compassionate mother, partner, and friend to many. Her love for music, writing, and lavender gave her many deeply happy years on this earth. She will be missed always.

Quilt square designed and submitted by daughter, Germaine DeNigris.

Quilt 21, Block 12



HONORING
WESLEY MERRILL
PORTLAND, OREGON
OREGON'S 1ST HEART RECIPIENT AT OHSU
DECEMBER 4, 1985

Wesley Merrill married his wife, Virginia, on January 15, 1967. The picture in the quilt square was taken as they celebrated their first Christmas together later that year. 28 years later, he was the first heart recipient in Oregon at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

Virginia and Wes are proud parents of two children, Cyndi and Phil.

Words can never describe the gift that was given to Wes. We (The Olive Family) love them!



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Balinda Olive-Beltran, the sister of
Wesley's heart donor, Bobby Olive,
on behalf of the Olive Family.*

Quilt 21, Block D1

HONORING
MELISSA “MISSY” MORALES HOOVER
WEST LINN, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
DECEMBER 7, 2015

Missy became our daughter in 1997 after the passing of her mother and father. Missy was strong, brave, and joyful. Her passion was for church, her dog, work at the police department, and Donate Life. She registered after the passing of her uncle, Dave Oliphant and papa, Doug Oliphant.

Missy passed unexpectedly in 2015. We love and miss her and her uncle and her Papa Doug.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Beth Hoover.

Quilt 21, Block E1



HONORING
ADDIE NEAL
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
DOUBLE LUNG RECIPIENT—AUGUST 8, 2010
APRIL 26, 1985—NOVEMBER 26, 2018

After years of struggling with Cystic Fibrosis, Addie received a double lung transplant at Stanford when she was 23 years old. Having spent most of five years in the hospital, it was an immense joy to be able to spend birthdays and holidays at home with her family instead of in the hospital.

After her transplant and recovery, Addie focused her newfound energy and health on volunteering and advocating for both Donate Life Northwest and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She was extremely active with Donate Life Northwest, sharing her story to raise awareness about the need for people to designate themselves as donors. She was a table captain at DLNW's annual Lifesavers Breakfast event every single year after her transplant, and enjoyed bringing her family and friends with her to volunteer at the annual Family Night at the Portland Trailblazers.

In 2014, doctors began to see some symptoms of rejection from Addie's lung transplant. She fought for her health and continued to be the same vibrant, sweet, loving lady she had always been – just as devoted to her family as ever. On November 26, 2018, surrounded by family and lots of love, Addie slipped away.

Addie was an amazing person – daughter, sister, partner, bonus mom, friend, and volunteer. She was a beautiful soul and is deeply missed.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Caitlin Feely on behalf of Donate Life Northwest staff.

Quilt 21, Block E3



HONORING
DAVID NORMAN
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
CORNEA DONOR
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

David Norman was a young man who impacted the lives of everyone he met. People always said they learned more from him than they could ever teach him. He loved life. He treasured his family and friends. Although he had many limitations, he always brought happiness, joy, and hope with him.

David's quilt square reflects many of the passions he had: WWE wrestling, Washington Huskies, Oregon State Beavers, Washington State Cougars, Seattle Seahawks, Seattle Mariners, Kentridge High School Chargers, Prairie Falcons, Super Heroes, and Disneyland.

David was a registered organ donor, and although his organs were too exhausted, his eyes were the one gift he could give. We had often said to him, "If we could all see the world through your eyes, what a wonderful world it would be." So, it was fitting that he brought the gift of sight to two people.

Quilt square designed and submitted by mother, Anna Norman.

Quilt 21, Block G1



HONORING
DAVID OLIPHANT
LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
JUNE 8, 2010

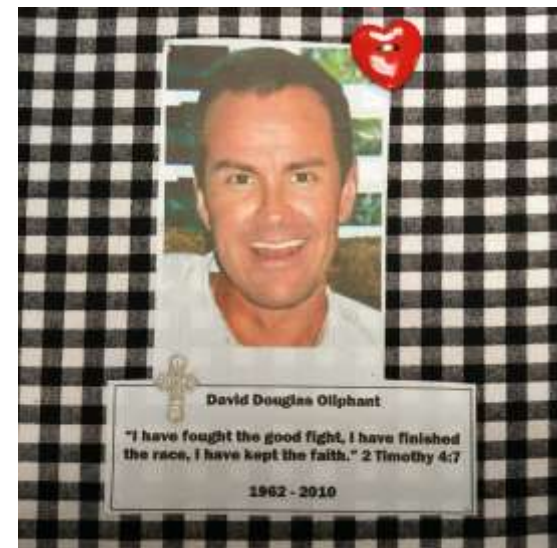
When David crossed the finish line at Portland International Raceway on June 8, 2010, he stepped into Heaven due to sudden cardiac arrest. David became a cornea donor and a tissue donor to over 50 people.

"A professional photographer snapped this photo (right) that evening. Centered squarely in the middle with the white helmet is David. He looks happy. But at that moment, he is taking one of his last breaths. His heart stopped beating right after he crossed the finish line." - Beth Hoover, David's sister

David's story has inspired many others to register as donors, and has inspired his family to become very involved with the work of Donate Life Northwest. As cycling was his passion, our family has continued to have charity bike events in his memory, generating donations to support Donate Life Northwest and the cause of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Quilt square designed and submitted by David's sister, current Donate Life Northwest board member, Beth Hoover.

Quilt 21, Block I1



David Douglas Oliphant

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

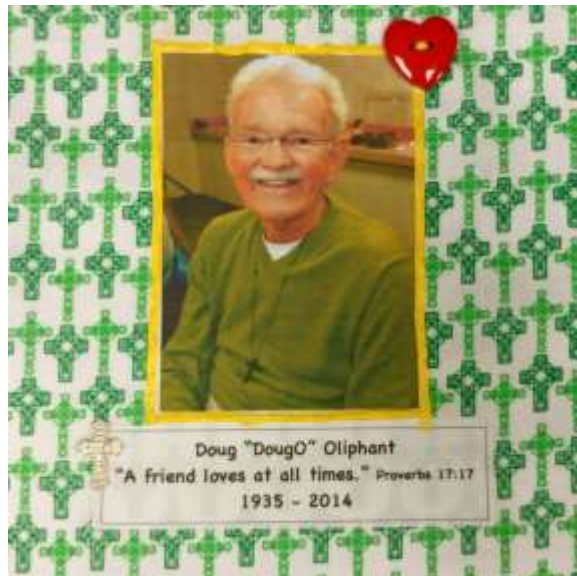
1962 - 2010

HONORING
DOUGLAS "DOUGO" OLIPHANT
LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
MAY 21, 2014

Doug Oliphant championed the cause of organ, eye, and tissue donation after the sudden passing of his son, David, who became a cornea and tissue donor. Doug joined the board of Donate Life Northwest and continued his service until his passing in 2014. As desired, Doug became a cornea donor after his passing into Heaven due to cancer.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Beth Hoover, daughter and current Donate Life Northwest board member.

Quilt 21, Block D4



HONORING
MARY ELIZABETH TRULLINGER OLIPHANT
LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON
TISSUE DONOR
FEBRUARY 8, 1990

Grandma Elizabeth was the first known family member to donate tissues (her knee tissue and possibly others) to benefit others. When she passed from a staph infection, she was determined to better the lives of others through donation.

Grandmother Elizabeth was joyful and loved gardening. She and our family are direct descendants of pioneers to Oregon — Lake Oswego, Yamhill, and Oregon City.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by granddaughter and namesake,
Beth Hoover.*

Quilt 21, Block B5

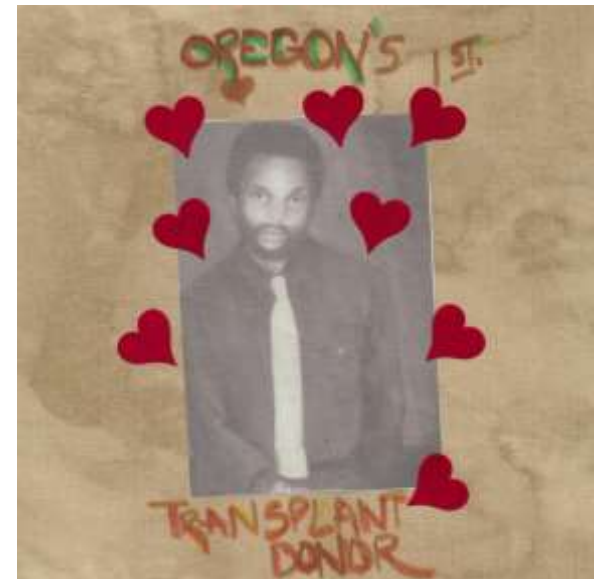


HONORING
BOBBY “BOBO” OLIVE, SR.
PORTLAND, OREGON
OREGON’S FIRST HEART DONOR
DECEMBER 4, 1985

I love my uncle so much! He was such a family man. He was about 6’4” and was so handsome. He was a protector. He wanted to make sure everything was alright. If he could help you in any way, he was there. I miss my Uncle Bobo. He stood for love (I LOVE) Olive.

Quilt square designed and submitted by niece, LaShonti Turner.

Quilt 21, Block B6



HONORING
MARTHA OLIVE-VANARSDALE
PORTLAND, OREGON
MOTHER OF OREGON'S FIRST HEART DONOR
DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION ADVOCATE
DECEMBER 7, 1933—JANUARY 16, 2012

Martha was the mother of 8 children. She had 4 boys and 4 girls. Oregon's first heart transplant donor was Martha's 5th child.

Our mother loved Jesus. She was a giver. She loved her family unconditionally.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Martha's daughter,
Balinda Olive-Beltran.*

Quilt 21, C5



CELEBRATING
SAMANTHA PAGE
NEWPORT, OREGON
LIVER RECIPIENT
MARCH 17, 2002

Samantha was born with Biliary Atresia and had her first surgery at 52 days old, followed by countless hospitalizations. At age 12, she received the gift of life from a 14-year-old boy who had a 4-wheel accident. Sam is now 29 years old and full of life.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Samantha's mother,
Patti Page.*

Quilt 21, Block 18

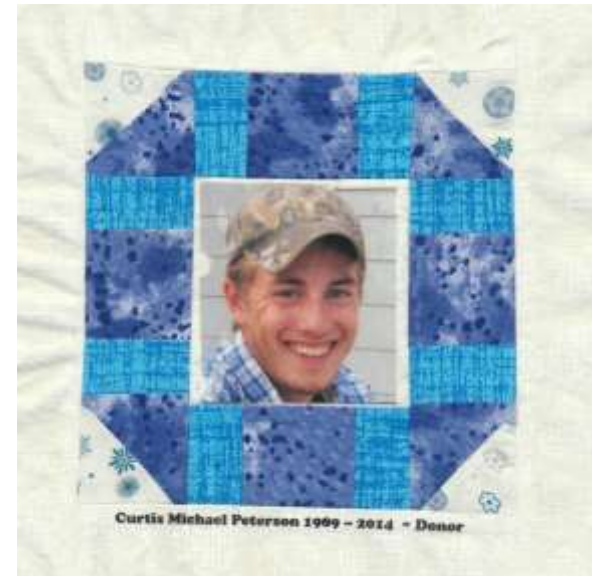


HONORING
CURTIS PETERSON
HAPPY VALLEY, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MARCH 26, 2014

Curtis loved the outdoors. He loved fishing, hunting, and camping. He had an amazing smile and would throw his head back when he laughed. He died on a motorcycle when he was 24 years old. He was able to donate both corneas, kidneys, lungs, and tissue. He is forever missed and will be forever loved.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by mother,
Vicki Peterson.*

Quilt 21, Block A5



HONORING
PEGGY REICHERTER
TILLAMOOK, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JULY 25, 2018

One of nine siblings, Peggy pointed to her “Sisters” pin representing the strong bond she and her four sisters had between them.

Many in her family have been touched harshly by cancer — most notably breast cancer with the females. They have fought bravely and remain strong to the end.

Always loving of everyone and so open to friendship, it was only fitting that Peggy gladly donated her corneas so two may once again enjoy the blessing of sight.

A true soulmate, Peggy remained steadfast, faithful and supportive of her husband through good and bad for 47 years, forgiving all flaws and providing the best lives for him and their beloved pets.



Quilt square designed and submitted by husband, William Reicherter.

Quilt 21, Block C6

HONORING
MARY CATHERINE REID
CENTRAL POINT, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

My mom loved the ocean. She loved to quilt, cross-stich, and drink black Lipton tea. She would be honored to know she helped 22 people have better lives.

She is missed dearly by her husband, Bob, and daughter, Kelly.

Quilt square designed and submitted by daughter, Kelly Reid.

Quilt 21, Block A3



HONORING
ABIGAIL “ABBY” ROBINSON
FOREST GROVE, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA, AND TISSUE DONOR
OCTOBER 23, 2013

Abbey and her little sister Anna’s lives were full of so much love and so much joy. They had a way of lighting up a room with their presence and putting smiles on the faces of those they came in contact with. They loved each other dearly and they were definitely sisters— maybe not by blood, but by the way they knew exactly how to push each others’ buttons. Anna (pictured far right) adored her big sister and wanted to be around her all the time. Abigail loved her little sister and was annoyed by the fact that Anna wanted to be around her all the time. True sisters!

Both girls loved to dance, climb, be with their friends, go to the coast, ride bikes, take care of their animals (both stuffed and alive), laugh, and to spend time with their family.

Abby and Anna were both beautiful beyond words — on the outside, but more importantly, on the inside. They had giving hearts and loved finding ways in which they could help those in need. They were insightful, kind, nurturing, and loving to all who had the honor of being in their presence. They are forever loved and missed by many.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Susan Dieter-Robinson,
Anna and Abby’s Mom.*

Quilt 21, Block 17



HONORING
TERRY RYKHUS
WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MARCH 2002

Terry moved to Washougal, Washington from Ft. Dodge, Iowa. He loved the Northwest and all it had to offer. He enjoyed snow and waterskiing, traveling to new places, and having new adventures. He had a laugh that could make you laugh. He enjoyed being around people, but that being said, he didn't like to be the center of attention.

Terry was fun to work with and wasn't a complainer. He was a happy person and always willing to help people. He liked to make kids laugh by flipping them up and over in his swimming pool while adults enjoyed his parties.

Terry liked to build things and was ready to share his knowledge or learn from someone else. The funniest thing I think I ever heard him say was about a car. We asked him a car question, and he gave us a long spiel. Then he paused, looked at us, and very seriously said, "You know, I have no idea what I'm talking about." We all laughed together – even him at himself. How many people can truly laugh at themselves? So humble. And even now just thinking about it makes me chuckle. Terry can still make me laugh.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
mother, Marilyn Scott.*

Quilt 21, Block D7

CELEBRATING
JAN SCHUMACHER
PORTLAND, OREGON
TISSUE RECIPIENT
2008 AND 2018



In 2008 and 2018, Jan's life was saved thanks to skin grafts provided by generous tissue donors and procured by Community Tissue Services of Portland, OR. Irrepressible, Jan is an active volunteer for numerous organizations, including Donate Life Northwest. She is an inspirational speaker, as well as our most-requested speaker in our School Speaker's Bureau!



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Sarah Salter on behalf of Donate Life
Northwest staff.*

Quilt 21, Block B2

CELEBRATING
REBECCA SIMON
PORTLAND, OREGON
TISSUE RECIPIENT
2011 AND 2014

I'm a two-time cancer survivor and tissue graft recipient. I'm so grateful to have received these gifts which have given me back my mobility.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Rebecca Simon.

Quilt 21, Block H7



HONORING
DAVID R. SMITH
SOUTH BEACH, OREGON
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR
DECEMBER 2018

Dave has always been a good-hearted person. He was loved by all his friends. He decided to donate his organs to anybody in need. He passed away in December 2018.

Quilt square created and submitted by Haroon Smith.

Quilt 21, Block H5

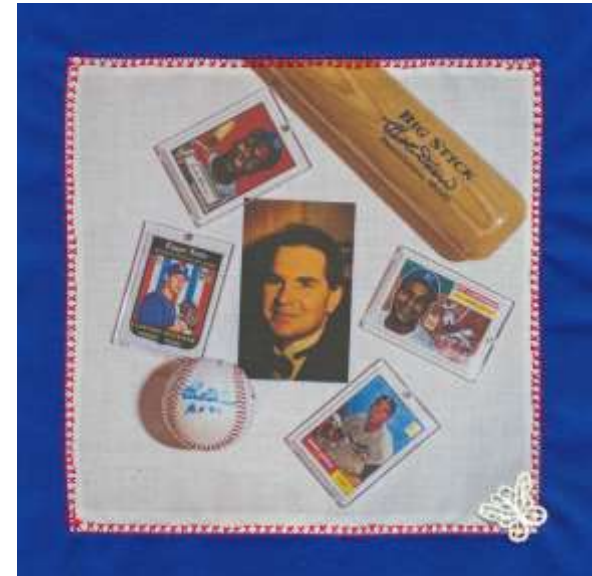


HONORING
MARK SMITH
EUGENE, OREGON
KIDNEY AND PANCREAS RECIPIENT
APRIL 6, 1961—APRIL 2, 2017

Mark was a people person, loving family and friends. He was generous with everyone. He lived with Type 1 diabetes for 30 years until his pancreas/kidney transplant on March 13, 2006.

Mark was a big sports fan — especially baseball. The Dodgers were his favorite team. He collected baseball cards for years.

Mark loved music and concerts, and he had a huge collection of Rolling Stones music and memorabilia.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
mother, Deanna Grimes.*

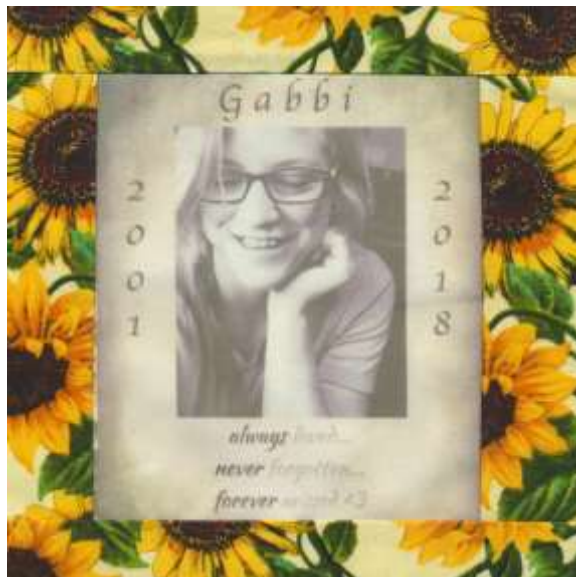
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HONORING
GABRIELLE “GABBI” SMITHWICK
ALBANY, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JULY 25, 2001—JULY 29, 2018

Gabbi was a beloved daughter, sister, cousin, niece, grand-daughter, and friend. She was a 4.0 student and was scheduled to graduate in 2019. She loved animals, nature, her family, and friends. She is dearly missed and forever loved.

Quilt square designed and submitted by mother, Joanna Paetz.

Quilt 21, Block D6



CELEBRATING
STEVE “GRUMPY” STRATTON
NEWPORT, OREGON
AND HONORING HIS UNKNOWN LIVER DONOR
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

In September 2009, a young man whom we refer to as “Bob,” lost his life. I was fortunate enough to receive the gift of his liver. He gave me the chance at a new life. To this day, my wife and I have had 10 years of a new and exciting chance at life.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Grumpy Stratton
and his wife, Carroll.*

Quilt 21, Block E2



HONORING
BOB VALDER
PORTLAND, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MAY 27, 2018

Bob graduated from Reynolds High School in Troutdale, OR, then joined the US Marine Corps (Advanced SWAT and MP), spending time in Twentynine Palms, CA and in Japan. Post-military, Bob worked as an electrostatic painter for 17 years at Oregon Mobile Refinishing. He married Juanita (Altig) in 1992 in Reno, NV, followed in 1995 with a Catholic Church wedding at St. Anne's in Portland. They liked to say that they shared so much love that they married twice.

Bob loved family and dedicated much of his final years caring for his mother and for Juanita's parents as they aged. He loved and admired his sisters and was always so proud to be their brother. He adored his nieces and nephews and had special bonds with each one.

Bob and Juanita enjoyed road trips and traveling together. In addition to Reno, they visited Las Vegas, New Orleans, Hawaii, Boston, California, Arizona, Mexico, and a memorable trip to England and France. He almost always donned a ball cap and wore a black leather jacket despite having sold his cherished motorcycle many years ago. He was a devoted Raiders fan, enjoyed reading, discussing politics, his cats, and humor. He always shared the perfect joke at the ideal time just to hear people laugh.

Bob described himself in writings to his wife as, "an ordinary man, with a good nature, able, dependable, kind, sharing, hardworking, smart and with common sense, an avid observer of mankind, relaxed, fun, and all that funny stuff too."



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
friend, Patrice Ball.*

Quilt 21, Block E6



HONORING
JACK VALDER
PORTLAND, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JANUARY 5, 1998

John "Jack" Valder moved to Oregon from North Dakota and married his beloved Francie on November 20, 1950. He was a family man who truly loved his wife and their four kids: Janet, Bob, Glenna, and Diane. Jack Served in World War II with the United States Marine Corps, and was a career mail carrier. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed golf, playing pool, playing cards, and family bowling. He had a dry sense of humor and generously cared for his brother and sister as they aged. Jack was a cornea donor upon his death.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Patrice Ball.

Quilt 21, Block C4

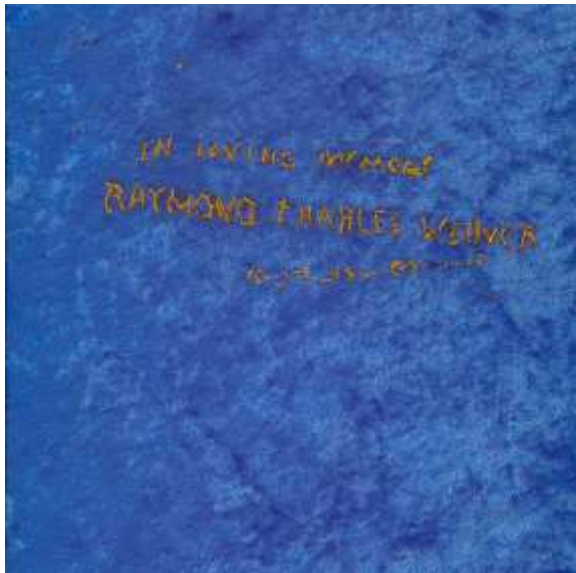


HONORING
RAY WEAVER
TIGARD, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Ray was a true friend — loving, kind, and loyal to all who knew him. It was a privilege to love him. His philosophy was that when we die, we won't need "these parts" and so we should let others use them to better their lives.

Quilt square designed and submitted by wife, Mary Weaver.

Quilt 21, Block G7

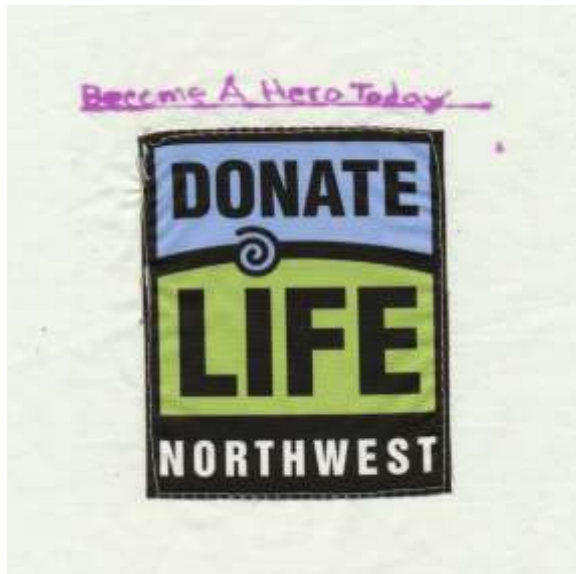


CELEBRATING
PHIL WEITZ
UMATILLA, OREGON
HEART RECIPIENT
DECEMBER 2, 2012

As a heart transplant recipient of six years, I have so much belief in and passion for the Donate Life Northwest programs. I love to volunteer and share. And I encourage others to do the same!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Phil Weitz in honor of all donors, recipients, and Donate Life volunteers!

Quilt 21, Block D3



Phil (far right) with a group of volunteers preparing to march for donation awareness in the 2018 Pendleton Round Up Parade.

HONORING
DAVID F. WELTER
RAINIER, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MARCH 15, 1933—JULY 18, 2011

David was handy
many would say,
from farming and woodworking
to camping and birdwatching.

He was the kindest man
you would ever want to meet,
giving his socks right off his feet.

Good times and bad
he always made ends meet,
helping a stranger or a family in need.

He is missed in many different ways
but we are reminded of his kindness,
in things we see each and every day.



*Quilt square designed and submitted
by daughter, Gwyn Benson.*

Quilt 21, Block E5

HONORING
KATHERINE S. WILLIAMS
PORTLAND, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
APRIL 1, 2018

Our dear cousin went by “Kath.” She was adopted at birth and never had any children, but she was adored by her father. They had a bond that was so special.

Kath was a beautiful person and really smart. Her hobbies were cooking, baking, sewing, flying, and dog training. Her favorite breed was the Briard. She excelled at everything that she wanted to!

She will be greatly missed by so many special people.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Susan Kornahrens, cousin.*

Quilt 21, Block C1

HONORING
JEFFREY WOOD
EUGENE, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
SEPTEMBER 21, 1962—MARCH 19, 2018

On March 19, 2018, Jeff's life came to a sudden end after a brief but hard six months of fighting esophageal cancer.

Jeff was a successful business entrepreneur. He built a family paving business, "Angell Flight Asphalt & Seal Coating, Inc." He was passionate about his business and had a strong work ethic that he passed on to his children, all of whom work for him, which made his family-run business his pride and joy.

Jeff's compassion for others gave him the opportunity to hire and teach work skills to many who needed a place to start. He was able to find a skill and ability in anyone he worked with, knowing that everyone came with a special skill and he could promote that skill to build a successful person. He became a mentor to many who needed a teacher and a friend. He was always looking to help those in need.

Jeff believed that success came not only from work, but from having a family, and that family is more than just blood, and everyone deserves a family. Jeff's greatest accomplishment was raising four kids and becoming a grandfather to three. The only thing he wanted was to watch his grandkids grow up.

Jeff was able to help one last time upon his passing, and that was to donate his corneas to help two others in need. This was especially meaningful for him (and us) as his brother-in-law (my brother, Mark) was a double transplant recipient in 2006, and he was given a second chance at life by another family who shared their loved one with us.



Quilt square designed and submitted by wife, Erin Wood.

Quilt 21, Block B4



HONORING THE ANONYMOUS DONOR OF
ALYSIA YAMASAKI
PORTLAND, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
JUNE 20, 2018

This quilt square honors my organ donor, my angel who gave me life. This piece also honors my Mom and my boyfriend, Josh, who have supported me through my journey.

Thank you to my donor, my donor's family, and my family and friends for loving me and caring for me.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Alysia Yamasaki and Josh Sienkiewicz
in honor of Alysia's unknown kidney donor.*

Quilt 21, Block H2



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make it possible for Donate Life Northwest to continue to fulfill our mission. You're not afraid to roll up your sleeves and do whatever is required to keep the message of donation going out to your communities. And you have **SO MUCH FUN** doing it! But most of all, you save lives! **In 2018, we had 354 active volunteers, who served a total of 2,688 hours!**

Quilt square designed and submitted by Sarah Salter on behalf of the Donate Life Northwest staff.

Quilt 21, Block G5



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Community Tissue Services is the non-profit tissue bank in Oregon, serving healthcare providers with recovery, processing and distribution of human tissue grafts used for transplantation across the nation.

*Square designed & submitted by
DLNW staffer, Carolina Hunt.*

Quilt 21, Block E4

Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank is the federally-designated non-profit organ procurement organization serving Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Western Idaho. Their staff works with hospitals to ensure collaboration on organ and tissue donation. They also provide support to donor families and ensure clear communication between the donor family and recipient.

*Square designed & submitted by
DLNW staffer, Sara Lewis.*

Quilt 21, Block C8



Lions VisionGift is the non-profit eye bank serving the State of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Through the generosity of brave donors and their families, LVG is able to provide safe and effective cornea grafts for sight-restoring surgeries throughout the state and across the nation.

*Square designed & submitted by
DLNW staffer, Sarah Salter.*

Quilt 21, Block H1

CELEBRATING OREGON DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

In the state of Oregon, 99% of those who register do so through the DMV. We would like to thank and honor all of the dedicated DMV workers who help save lives and improve health by registering Oregonians as organ, eye, and tissue donors! Pictured below are DMV staff members from our 2018 award-winning Oregon DMVs: Lake Oswego, Astoria, and Enterprise!



*Quilt square submitted by
Donate Life Northwest staff.*

Quilt 21, Block F4

CELEBRATING DONATE LIFE NORTHWEST PROGRAMS



Done Vida Noroeste es nuestro programa de alcance hispano hablante.

Done Vida Noroeste is our Spanish-speaking outreach program.

Cuadrado creado y presentado por Maria Filizola, empleo de DLNW.

*Square designed & submitted by
DLNW staffer, Maria Filizola.*

Quilt 21, Block H8

Women Encouraging Living Donation (WELD) is a group of women whose mission is to increase, encourage, and support living donation through public-facing educational outreach.

*Square designed & submitted by
Patrice Ball, co-founding member of the
Portland Chapter of WELD.*

Quilt 21, Block B8



Go Recycle Yourself (GRY) is our program which aims to educate high-school-aged youth about organ, eye, and tissue donation.

*Square designed & submitted by
DLNW staffer, Marissa Mark, who wants
students to know that
“Knowledge is power!”*

Quilt 21, Block C3