

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 22nd annual quilt! The 2020 Threads of Life Quilt is comprised of squares created by people touched by organ, eye, and tissue donation. Each square represents a personal and touching story of love, hope, compassion, and courage, and serves as a reminder of the precious gifts of life, sight, and mobility given by donors throughout the region.

On this quilt, we celebrate organ, eye, and tissue donors and the extraordinary lives they led: A doctor at OHSU investigating the microbiome and immune system; an executive chef in the Royal Navy; a college student who loved to sing; a little girl who brought love and joy to everyone in her short time on earth. All of them with one common thread – they saved others' lives through their generous gifts.

This quilt also honors recipients like Juana and Guadalupe, who met while on dialysis and had both of their lives saved by kidney transplants less than a month apart. And Wes, recipient of the first heart transplant in Oregon, who was given almost five more years with his family thanks to the generosity of his donor, Bobby Olive.

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. Organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation transforms lives every day. We would like to express our strong appreciation for those who have made the commitment to register as donors. If we can raise awareness and inspire others to become donors, we will be raising hope for so many families who will be impacted.

Leslie Brock

Executive Director
Donate Life Northwest
March 2020



HONORING
All 2019 Donors
Oregon and Washington
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donors

We would like to honor the 2019 organ, eye, and tissue donors from Oregon and Washington. There were 122 organ donors, 1,827 cornea donors, and 827 tissue donors. We honor them and their families for so graciously giving the gifts of life, sight, and health to so many!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
DLNW Executive Director, Leslie Brock.*

Quilt 22, Block E7



HONORING
Mark Asquith

Portland, Oregon
Organ Donor
June 6, 2019

Mark Asquith was an Assistant Professor at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), where he spent his time searching for new therapies to treat autoimmune diseases. He was a friend who would listen when you needed someone to talk to and would always give his unfettered advice. His thick British accent and gregarious personality made him known to many, and the outpouring of support following his passing was appreciated by his friends and family. Mark's absence has left a hole in many lives, but in his death others can live, which brings peace and happiness to those mourning his loss. Mark wanted to donate as many organs as possible, and if he were still here, he would want to get to know each recipient personally. That's just the kind of guy he was. He will be sorely missed!



*Quilt square designed and submitted by friends,
Kate Hammond and Ben Burwitz.*

Quilt 22, Square A3



HONORING
LaRita Kaye "Tinka" Benfield

Portland, Oregon
Cornea Donor
February 6, 2008

Tinka was my only sister, my second mom, my best friend. She was an amazing woman, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and daughter. She lived each day to its fullest, and through her gift of sight, others see what was once only dreamed of. There is no greater testament to her incredible spirit than her continuing to live on in the gift made to others. Photo is of Tinka with her husband, Ron Benfield.



Quilt square designed and submitted by sister, Maggie Klein, with assistance from family friend, Diane Tolzman.

Quilt 22, Block 14

HONORING **Brittany Boettiger**

Redmond, Oregon
Cornea Donor

Brittany Bea Boettiger was as kind and gentle as the horses she loved. She passed suddenly of a rare and previously unknown medical condition—a tumor on her adrenal gland called pheochromocytoma—and left a family and community adrift in sorrow. She will be remembered for her compassion, thoughtfulness, and especially her quiet smile.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by cousin,
Skye Kimel of Redmond, Oregon.*

Quilt 22, Block C3



HONORING
Michelle Casey

Organ Donor
Happy Valley, Oregon
May 29, 2019

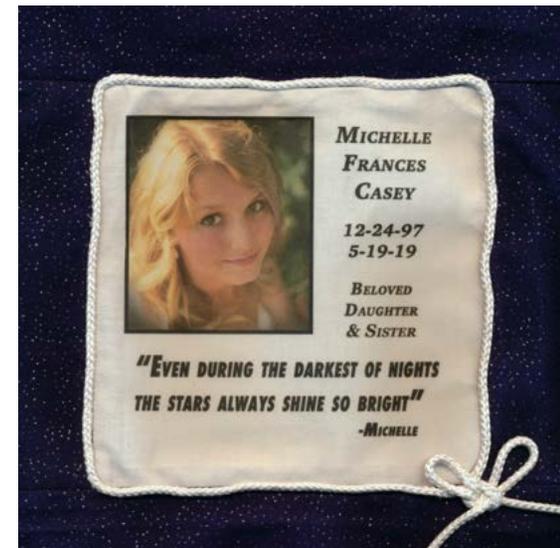
Michelle Frances Casey was born in joy on Christmas Eve 1997. Bright-eyed and bubbly, she adored her older sister Elizabeth, her extended family, and of course, any animal within reach. Michelle loved to be loved. She was always quick to share a hug, and as a little girl, to sneak into bed with her parents.

Michelle was always moving, always singing, talking, and dancing. When she was little, her nickname was “Chickadee,” because she was constantly sharing whatever was on her mind, whether it was a song lyric, a scene from one of her favorite movies, or what had happened that day. It stayed with her, becoming a family endearment.

Michelle always loved to be active, and loved to play all sports, but settled on volleyball as her sport of choice. She played on club and school teams, and spent many summers playing beach volleyball. She was also a Girl Scout, and was involved in church youth activities. And she couldn’t wait to get her first paying job!

Music was a vital part of her existence. She was always singing. From the moment she could join in, she was part of a choir: at church, all through school, and as a member of the OSU Bella Voce Choir in the winter of 2019.

Michelle’s heart has always been so tender and inclusive. She pulled everyone in, particularly those who felt isolated, shy, or alone. She couldn’t bear the thought of anyone being left out. She put her friends’ needs before her own and was always worried about those she loved most. She was, and is now, our beautiful angel.



Quilt square created and submitted by Michelle’s mother, Colleen Casey.

Quilt 22, Block F3



HONORING **Kristin Clovis**

Boise, Idaho

Organ, Cornea & Tissue Donor

October 20, 1987–December 11, 2019

Kristin Clovis died as a result of a cerebral aneurysm. Kristin – or “Clover” as her friends liked to call her – was born to David and Joanne Clovis in Boise in October 1987 and joined her big brother, Matt.

Kristin graduated from Timberline High School in 2006. She attended the University of Idaho and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta. She received a degree in accounting in 2010.

Kristin had several loves in her life, which included family, dear friends, her dogs (especially Stanley), music, classic movies and TV shows. She loved drawing, poetry, photography, ceramics, cooking, and reading nonfiction. She enjoyed participating in and watching sports. She competed in many through the years, but her favorite by far was softball, at which she really excelled.

Kristin worked for College of Western Idaho as a Senior Reporting and Financial Analyst.

Kristin is survived by her parents Dave and Joanne, her brother Matt, and many aunts and uncles, and her dog Harley. She was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents and her dog, Stanley.

Even though we are profoundly sad as a result of our loss, we are finding peace in knowing that with her passing and through organ donation, she will go on to help many others. Our hope is that the recipients of these gifts feel as blessed to have a part of Kristin as we have been to be her family. She will live in our hearts forever.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Kristin's mother, Joanne Clovis.*

Quilt 22, Block A5

HONORING

Elijah Coe

Portland, Oregon

Organ Donor

May 8, 2019

Elijah was one in a million. Witty, goofy, compassionate, hard-working, irreverent, kind. When he was all in, he was all in.

He enjoyed life to the fullest. Camping and brewing beer were two of his favorite things and were always enjoyed with his family around (including his beloved dog).

Elijah was British by birth, Texan by heart, and a PNW-lover and all it had to offer. He is missed dearly every day, but will be forever in our hearts. Life challenges us at every turn, and the loss of this amazing person has been the biggest challenge of all. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, son, and friend. He will always be with us.



*Quilt square designed and submitted
by his family, Donna and Zac
Bowman-Coe*

Quilt 22, Block H7

HONORING
Amy Coombs
Vancouver, WA
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor

Amy was a very intelligent and caring young woman who gave back to her community. Although her life was short, she was able to accomplish a great deal. Her acts of kindness were plentiful, and her service to others could be seen throughout her community.

Dying too soon Amy's generosity continued through donation. In 2000, Amy was able to give the ultimate gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Amy's family is grateful for the gifts she was able to make and continues to honor her legacy through telling her story and advocating for donation.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Amy's mother, Terry Hegerle,
with assistance from family friend, Danie Monaghan.*

Quilt 22, Block B7



HONORING
Jennie Delacruz
Organ Donor
August 1982—December 2016

Three years ago, Jennie Delacruz gave the ultimate gift — she saved the lives of five people through organ donation.

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 all who knew her. Jennie wrote beautiful poetry that reflected her strong faith and devotion for the Lord.

Jennie will be forever missed by all who love her.

On behalf of myself (her heart recipient) and my family, we are eternally grateful. Our love and prayers are forever with her family.

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

Quilt 22, Block H8



CELEBRATING

David Dewitt

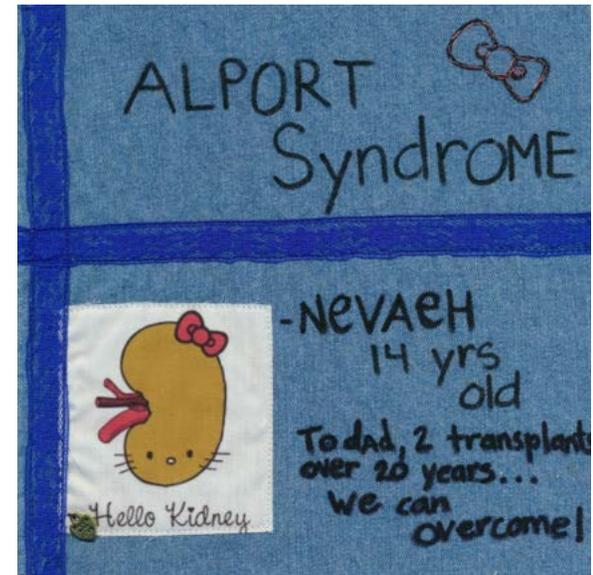
Portland, Oregon

Kidney Recipient

September 17, 1997 and May 28, 2011

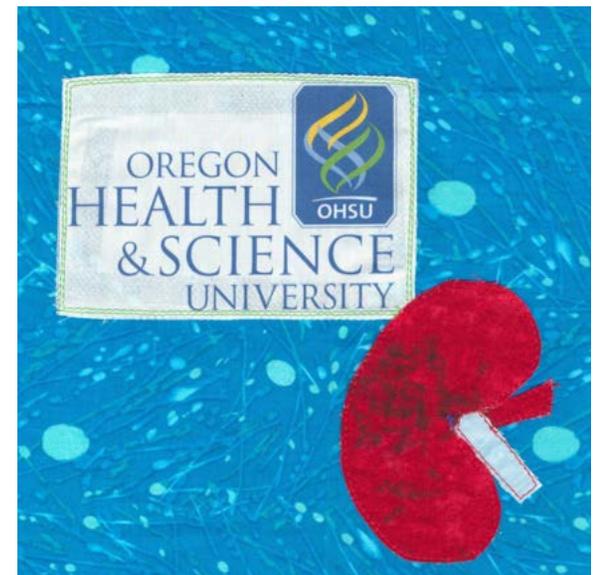
My dad, David Dewitt, and I both have a kidney disease known as Alport Syndrome. He has had two kidney transplants. But even though it is hard having this disease, together, we find the fun and humor in life.

The second square I made is a square thanking the kidney doctors at Oregon Health & Science University who saved my Dad.



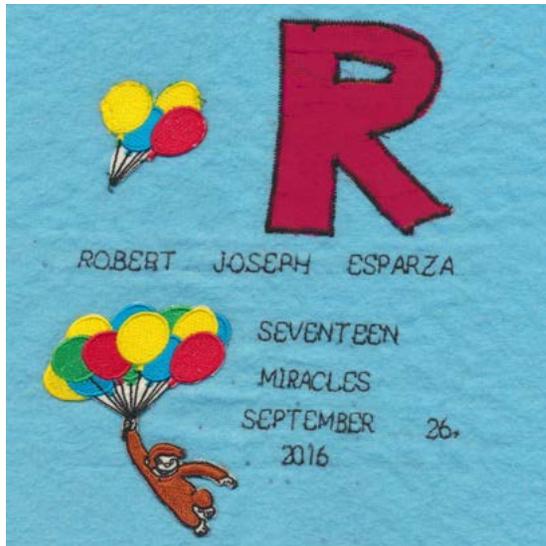
Quilt squares designed and submitted by David's daughter, Nevaeh Dewitt.

Quilt 22, Blocks C1 & D5



HONORING **Robert Esparza**

Gresham, Oregon
Organ and Cornea Donor
October 28, 1994–September 24, 2016



Robert had a place in life. He knew when to be funny and when to make you think. He was my best friend. When I look forward to activities that need to include him, but he is gone, I realize just how big the empty space is. Not a day goes by that I don't miss Robert.

Quilt square (left) designed and submitted by Robert's father, Simon Esparza (pictured at right with Robert's cornea recipient).

Quilt 22, Block 16



I (Teresa) received Robert's cornea and immediately, I started to see beautiful light and bright colors as I have never seen! Amazing!

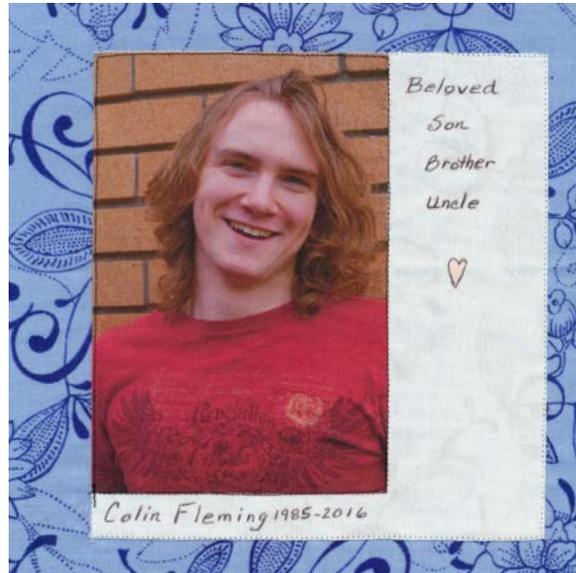
Quilt square (right) designed and submitted by cornea recipient, Teresa Rambaud (pictured right).

Quilt 22, Block A7



HONORING
Colin Fleming

Banks, Oregon
Organ and Cornea Donor
May 28, 1985—October 29, 2016



Colin grew up in Banks, Oregon, the youngest child in his family, with two older siblings. He was loving and generous, and especially loved his nephews and niece.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Colin's mother,

Kathleen Fleming.

Quilt 22, Block D6

HONORING
Billy Frye
Central Point, Oregon
Organ and Cornea Donor
April 5, 2015

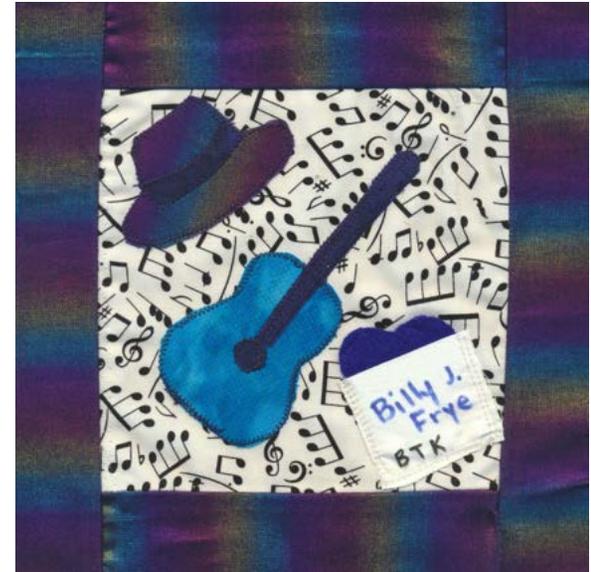
My son, Billy J. Frye, otherwise known as “Billy the Kid” or BTK was an amazing son. His heart was bigger than the fedora he constantly wore on his head or the guitar he carried in his hands.

When he was a young boy, Billy’s biggest dream was to invent a cure for his older brother, who was bound by a wheelchair resulting from a car accident at a young age. From then on, his care of others was endless. Whenever one was in need, BTK was there, which is fitting as he was able to be a donor and help others eternally.

As a mom, there is nothing in this world that can prepare you for losing a son, but the faith we shared is what keeps me going. Little things like seeing a rainbow and being reminded of the time he shared with his daughter that rainbows represent a promise from God to never flood the world again. For me, rainbows now represent my promise to think lovingly of a wonderful son I had the privilege of knowing and loving.

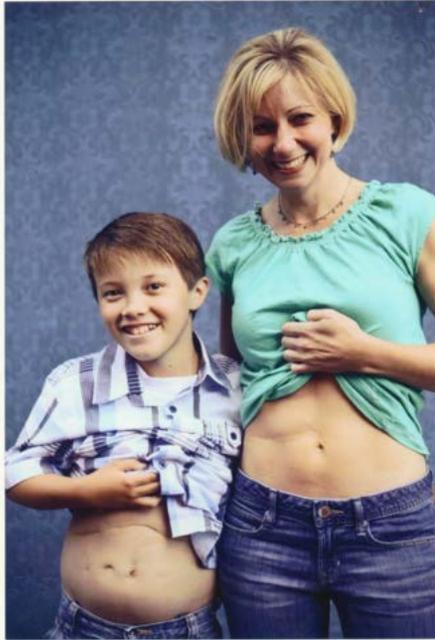
*Quilt square designed and created by
Billy’s mother, Donna Young (pictured right).*

Quilt 22, Block G7



CELEBRATING **Charity Groshong**

Beaverton, Oregon
Living Liver Donor
June 3, 2002



I met Charity in her first days of nursing school as I was the resident advisor for her floor in the college dorm. We became fast friends, and this friendship has continued throughout our adult lives.

Charity was the first person to know that my eldest son, Justice, was coming into the world (his dad was still asleep, and I can't keep secrets). As his godmother, she was one of the very first people to meet him. It comes as no surprise to me that she was the first volunteer to be tested to be Justice's living liver donor when he was listed for transplant at four months old. She had already stood vigilant at our sides through a long hospitalization and endless appointments.

Charity was approved to be Justice's donor, and he was transplanted the following month. She gave up a third of her liver and spent several months healing from surgery in her heroic sacrifice to save my son (who graduated from high school — a healthy young man — in 2020).

She may have been chagrined by her middle name, Sunshine, at some point in her life, but it is the perfect descriptor for her. She is light, and she is life. She is one of the best people I have ever known.

Quilt square was designed and submitted by DLNW staffer, Sarah Salter on behalf of Justice's family — including his mother, Sheryl Williams, who wrote the above tribute.

Quilt 22, Block B5



HONORING
Asimo "Sylvia" Handris

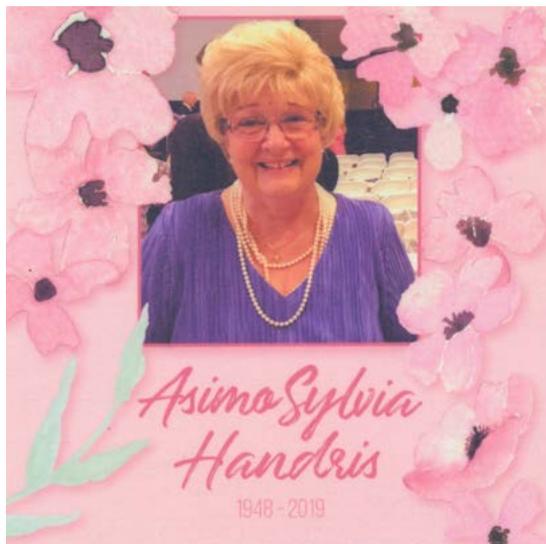
Portland, Oregon

Cornea Donor

September 1948–August 2019

Sylvia was born in Stockton, California, in September 1948. She married Theodore Handris in Portland, Oregon, in 1977. They were blessed to have twin boys several years later. Family was the most important thing for her. She cherished every day to the fullest. Sylvia was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church and Daughters of Penelope. She loved everything Greek and was an avid gardener. Her favorite times were spent at the beach with her family camping

I will always remember her smile and laugh and how she always made me feel so loved and so important to her. We all feel so blessed that her donation was able to give another the gift of sight and that a part of her is still with us.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Sylvia's niece, Lorrie Hellekson.

Quilt 22, Block C6

CELEBRATING
Stephany Henson
Medford, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
January 13, 2018

In the two years since we said goodbye to our mother, Stephany Henson, the world around us is constantly sending messages reminding us of her favorites, her gifts, and her contributions during her stay on earth. Hummingbirds were her favorite bird, so anytime we see one whizzing by or hovering to get its nectar, we lovingly think of her gazing up from a project to admire their beauty. This year, we decided to create a colorful square capturing all of the colors and textures that make up one's life. Our mom did not have a strong personality as represented in this quilt, yet her impact on those who knew her was just as bold and strong. She was a silent force in this world and is greatly missed by her siblings, children, grandchildren, and friends.



Quilt square created and submitted by daughter, Shawna Schleif, pictured with son, Bridger.

Quilt 22, Block E2

HONORING
Nakia Hentz

Portland, Oregon

Heart Recipient – July 2015

Tissue and Cornea Donor – January 31, 2018

Nakia was so full of life! Any room would come alive when she entered. Her laughter was infectious, and her humor was quirky. She is loved by so many, and our hearts will never be whole again. We are thankful for the time we had with her.

We miss you, Booie!

Quilt square on top right was designed and submitted by Nakia's mother, Lei Hentz, and friend, Deanna Frank.



Hentz Family pictured at 2019 Tabor Trot, walking to honor Nakia.



Quilt square below was designed and submitted by Nakia's sister, Kayla Hentz-Bellard.

Quilt 22, Blocks D2 & D1



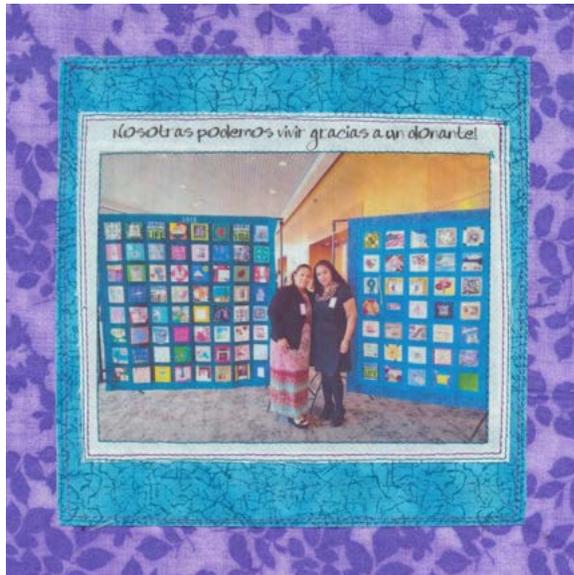
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**Juana Hernandez
Guadalupe Soreque**

Recipientes De Riñones | Kidney Recipients

May 28, 2015—Juana

June 24, 2015—Guadalupe



En los años que se conocen, Juana y Guadalupe han desarrollado un vínculo de amistad. Se conocieron cuando ambas estaban en diálisis. Comenzaron a hablar sobre sus enfermedades. Cada una entendió lo que la otra estaba pasando y se animaron mutuamente a seguir avanzando en la vida. En el 2015, Juana y Guadalupe recibieron trasplantes de riñón con menos de un mes de diferencia. Ahora pasan tiempo como voluntarios para informar a su comunidad sobre la importancia de la donación. Para que otros sepan que pueden tener una segunda oportunidad en la vida, tal como lo hicieron Juana y Guadalupe.

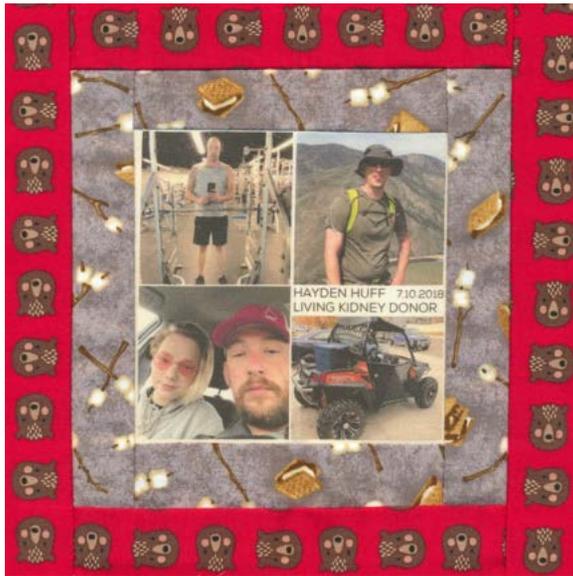
Colcha 22, Cuadrado F5

In the years they have known each other, Juana and Guadalupe have developed a bond of friendship. They met when they were both on dialysis. They began to talk about their illnesses. They each understood what the other was going through and encouraged each other to keep moving forward in life. In 2015, Juana and Guadalupe received kidney transplants less than a month apart. They now spend time volunteering to inform their community about the importance of donation. They let others know that they can get a second chance at life, just like Juana and Guadalupe did.

Quilt 22, Block F5

CELEBRATING
Hayden Huff
Living Kidney Donor
July 10, 2018

Hayden has always been a generous soul. When the opportunity came to help as an altruistic living kidney donor, he didn't hesitate. He underwent many months of testing to ensure he was the best match. He has blessed the lives of all around him, including the recipient and family of his kidney. We are so thankful for Hayden's generosity!



Quilt square designed and submitted by Hayden's sister, Farrah Chastain.

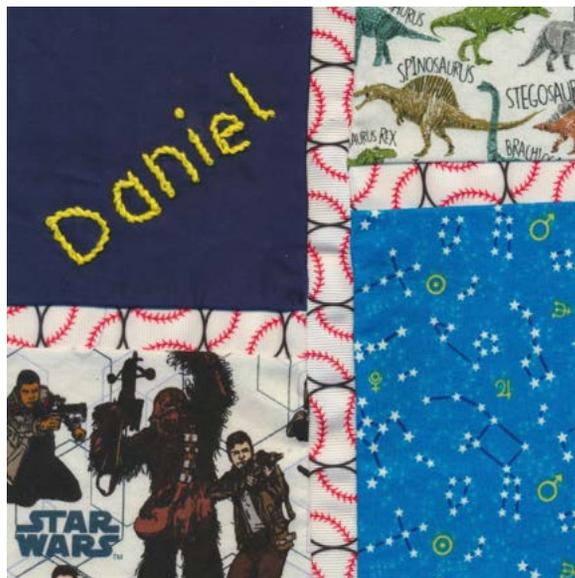
Quilt 22, Block G6



HONORING
Daniel Indra
Independence, Oregon
Organ Donor
September 21, 2015

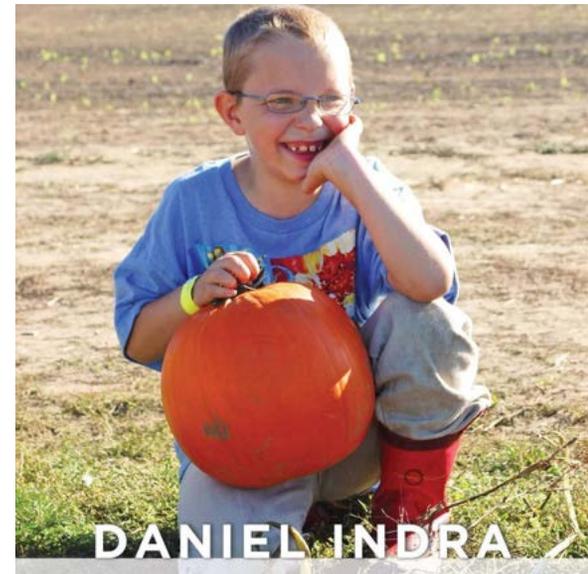
Daniel had the sweetest cheeks when he smiled. He loved his little brother, Liam, and taught him many things like climbing on the play structure. He loved to help work with his Dad, Grandpas, and others in his life. Cousins were meant for playing, in his mind.

Daniel is loved and missed.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Daniel's mother, Alissa Indra.

Quilt 22, Block H6



HONORING
Rylee Jackson

Burns, Oregon
Organ Donor

July 15, 2018–November 4, 2018

Rylee Marie Jackson was our shooting star. She brought us great joy and left us far too soon. We are incredibly thankful that she could give life to so many people in her short time on earth. She will be forever remembered for her ready smile and the love she brought our family.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Rylee's auntie, Skye Kimel.

Quilt 22, Block B1



HONORING
Sherran Johnson

Portland, Oregon
Cornea Donor
March 2, 2019

Sherran was a wonderful sister. If you ever met her, you were a friend. She was loving and giving to anyone that needed anything.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sherran's sister,
Sandra McKenna.*

Quilt 22, Block C4

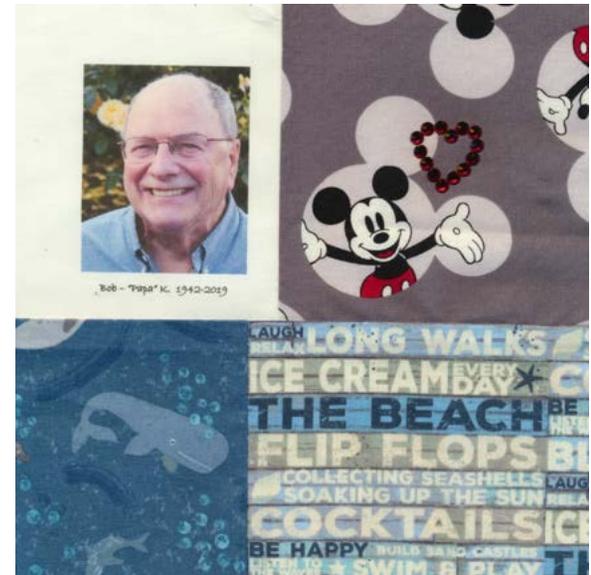
HONORING
Robert Koeber

Portland, Oregon
Cornea Donor
September 9, 2019

My dad loved to laugh, and he traveled all over. He loved his family, was an entrepreneur, generous with his time, and money. Hawaii was his favorite spot.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Robert's daughter, Tina Pisan and his wife, Mary Koeber.

Quilt 22, Block E8



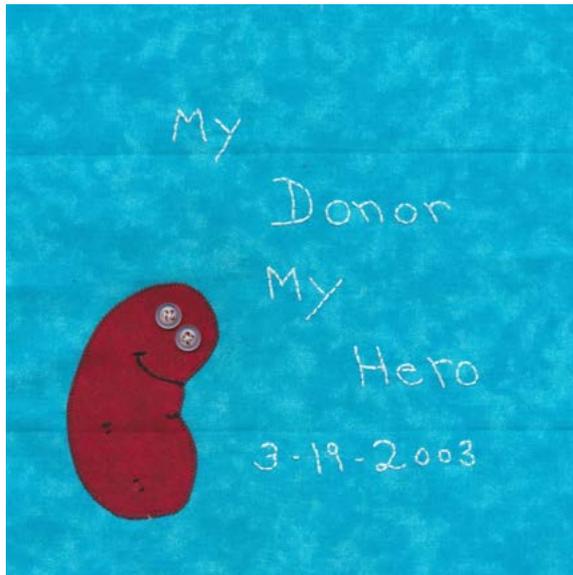
CELEBRATING
Kathy Langston

Eugene, Oregon
Kidney Recipient
March 19, 2003

Because of my unknown kidney donor, I have had 17 years of life to enjoy. Thank you to my donor!

Quilt square designed and submitted by kidney recipient, Kathy Langston (pictured right with sister, Nelda).

Quilt 22, Block F1



HONORING
Drew Launius
Vancouver, Washington
Organ Donor
May 16, 2017

Drew was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. He had an incredibly adventurous spirit and was always in motion, living life and experiencing each day to the fullest. When you needed help, he'd be there, no questions asked and doing everything in his power to lead the charge.

One of Drew's passions was seeking out new adventures — from tumultuous day hikes to serene kayaking trips. He was committed to his health and his body. Six days a week, you'd find him at the gym pushing his body through an excruciating workout. He was always striving to be his best and encouraging others to do the same.

Drew had a captivating presence and smile and humble charisma. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend who both gave and received unconditional love. Family and friends came first and were hugely important to him. He loved and cherished his two nephews and only wished they were his own.

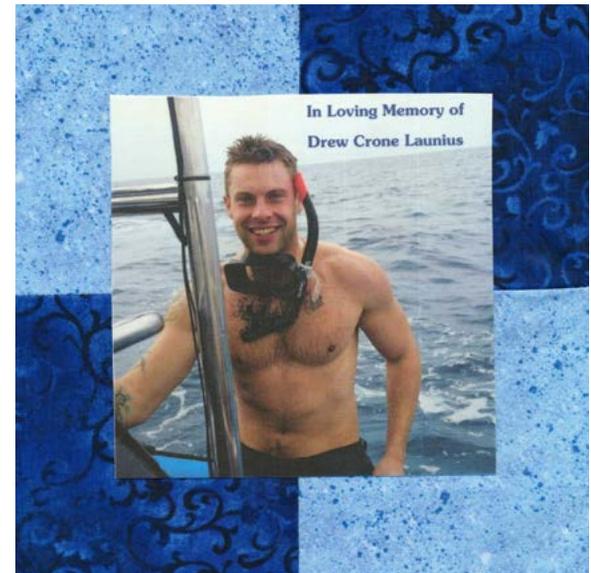
In honor of Drew's adventurous spirit, a scholarship fund has been created with Northwest Outward Bound. To date, five individuals have received this scholarship.

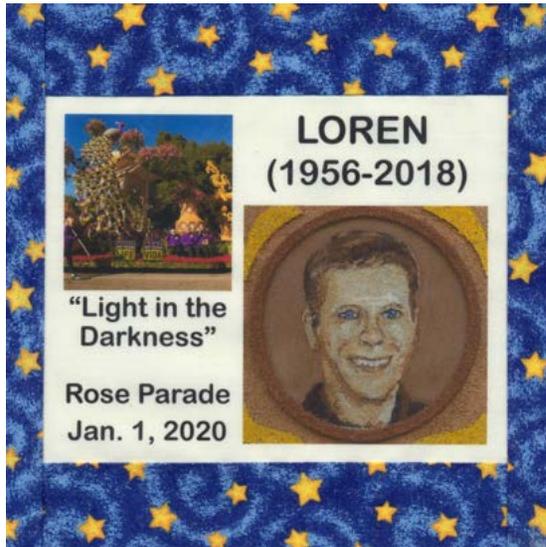
Drew donated five organs: his heart, lungs, both kidneys, and liver.

We love and greatly miss him.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Drew's mother, Coni Faulkner.

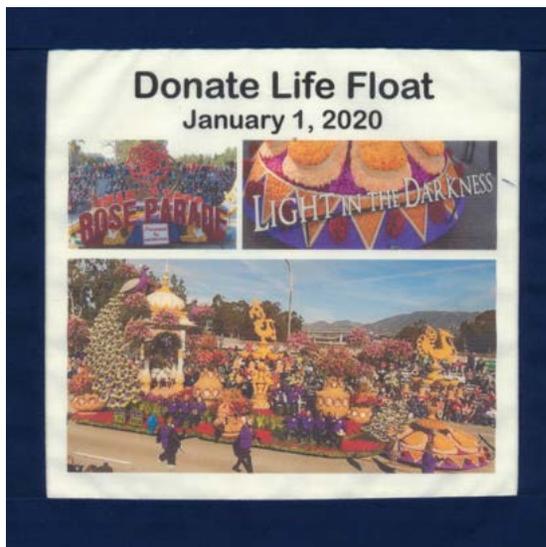
Quilt 22, Block H4





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

Quilt 22, Blocks F6 & F7



HONORING **Loren Leighton**

Springfield, Oregon
Organ, Cornea and Tissue Donor
November 11, 2018

Loren Leighton was born in Frankfurt, Germany while his dad was stationed there in the Army. He grew up in Coos Bay, Oregon 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 and his wife, Irene, celebrated 40 years of marriage and 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 passionately worshiped and served the Lord, mentored young men, and facilitated classes on successful marriage.

He was an avid fisherman while living in Springfield, Oregon. Running became a more recent passion. In June 2018, he completed his first marathon in Newport, Oregon and qualified to run the Boston Marathon in April 2019. Unfortunately, in November 2018, he had a tragic ladder accident sustaining severe head trauma and passing away three days later. As a registered donor, he was able to donate his liver, both kidneys, and corneas. Our family had the privilege of participating in an honor walk for Loren at the hospital the morning his organs were donated.

Loren was one of 44 donors who were honored and remembered with a floragraph (pictured in top quilt square) on the Donate Life Float in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1, 2020. His brother's company, Dignity Memorial of Sacramento sponsored Loren's immediate family to attend. Living donors and recipients were also honored by walking or riding the float.

HONORING
Nick Lyngheim
Gresham, Oregon
Tissue and Cornea Donor
November 14, 1998—September 14, 2017

Nicholas Lyngheim graduated from high school in Spring 2017. He was 6'1" and 280 pounds, and was recruited as a football lineman to Western Oregon University.

Nick was the middle child and the only son in the family.

Nick was an athlete; enjoying football, track, and wrestling. He made some lifelong friends that he was very loyal to.

Nick believed in standing up for what he believes in and thought others should do the same.

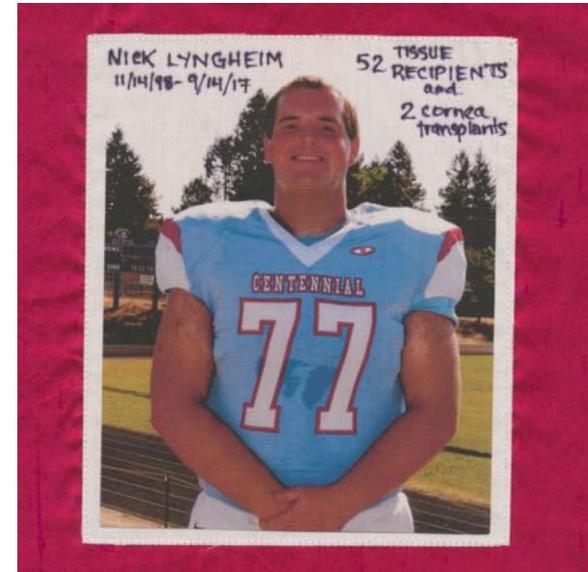
Nick was fun and funny. He played jokes on his friends, family, and even his teachers and coaches.

Nick scored in the top 15% in the nation for the SAT for college admissions. He was humble about this.

Nick was a strong, smart, caring young man. He lived a wonderful life and is fondly remembered by many. He was so amazing God made him an angel.

Square designed and submitted by Nick's mother, Mary Boland.

Quilt 22, Block C2



CELEBRATING
Cindy Mark
Portland, Oregon
Living Kidney Donor
October 18, 2010

When her father needed a kidney transplant, Cindy didn't hesitate to get tested. She figured if there was anything she could do to save her dad's life, she would do it. Unfortunately she wasn't a match for him, but another family member was, so her dad got his lifesaving kidney transplant.

A few months later, after seeing how much her father's life had improved, she talked to the hospital to see if there was someone else she could donate to. In October of 2010, Cindy became a non-directed donor, donating one of her kidneys to a person she didn't know. She just hoped that her recipient's life improved in the same way her dad's had.

Now, almost ten years after donating, Cindy continues to live a life of traveling, cooking, and spending time with her family—just with one fewer kidney.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Cindy's daughter, Marissa Mark.*

Quilt 22, Block D4

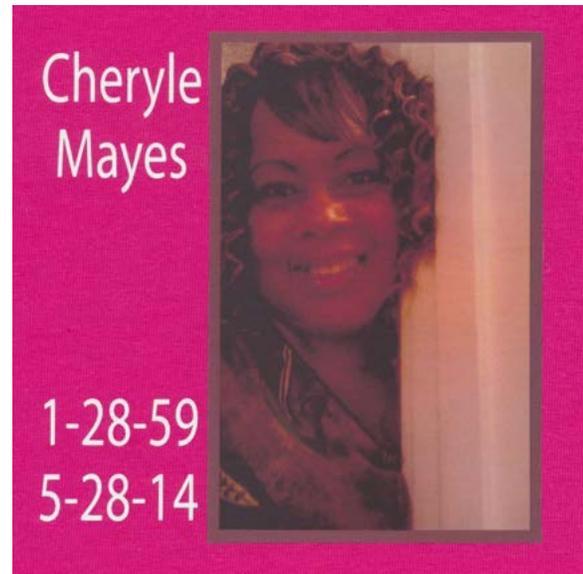
HONORING
Cheryle Mayes
Vancouver, Washington
Kidney Recipient
March 2005

Cheryle was the happy grandmother of five and great-grandmother of two. She loved spending social time with the family and with her church family. Whenever Cheryle was invited to a social event, she would be there, if she was physically okay. She loved a good conversation.

She is loved and missed.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Cheryle's cousin,
Balinda Olive-Beltran.*

Quilt 22, Block C8



HONORING
Wesley Merrill

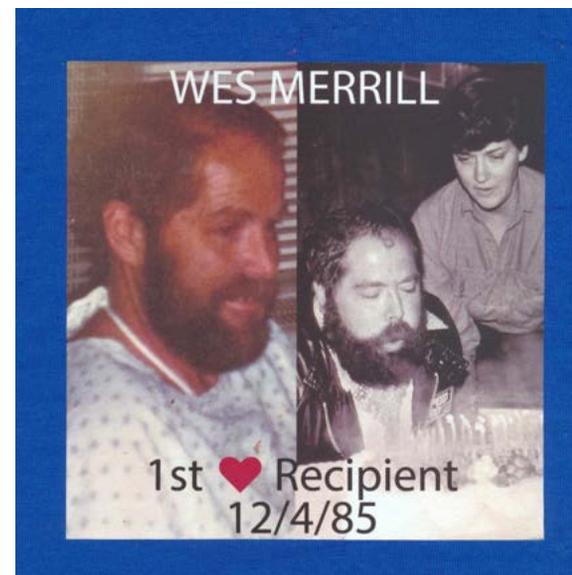
Portland, Oregon
Oregon's 1st Heart Recipient at OHSU
December 4, 1985

Wesley Merrill was Oregon's first heart transplant recipient. He was married to Virginia and was the father of two children, Cindi and Phillip. Wesley was a family man. He loved fishing and gardening.

He is loved and missed very much.

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 22, Block F2

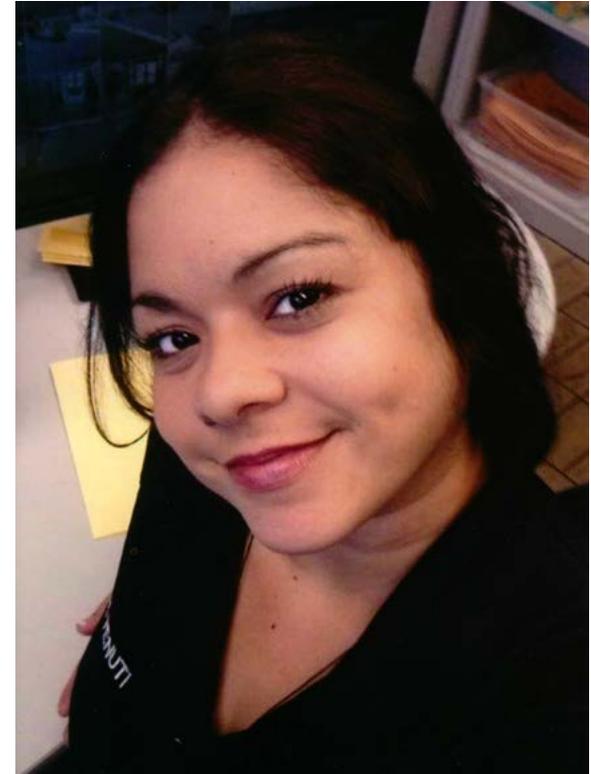
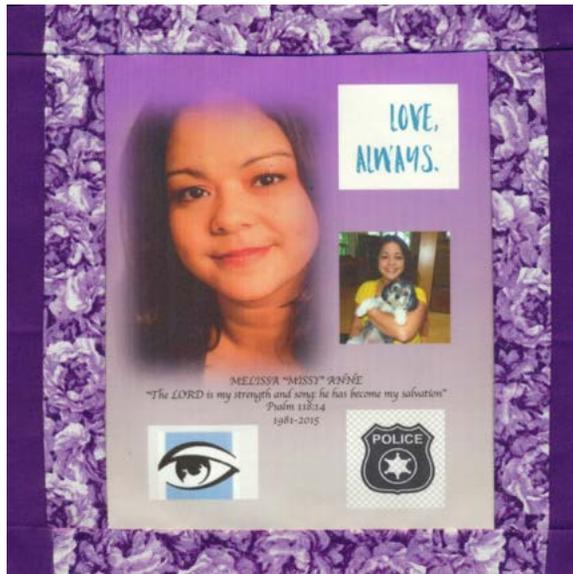


HONORING
Melissa “Missy” Morales Hoover

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. She was passionate for Jesus, her family, work at the police department, Donate Life, and her puppy. She registered as a donor after the passing of her uncle, Dave Oliphant, and her papa, Doug Oliphant.

Melissa Anne passed unexpectedly in 2015. We love and miss her dearly. She is joined in heaven by her grandfather, Doug (cornea donor) and her uncle, Dave (cornea and tissue donor).



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
cousin, Cherie Jacobson for Beth Hoover
and the Oliphant family.*

Quilt 22, Block E6

HONORING
David Norman
Vancouver, Washington
Cornea Donor
November 7, 2018

David LeRoy Norman was a loving young man who outlived his life expectation by over 20 years. His final gift was to give the gift of sight to two cornea recipients and the gift of tissue to six.

David's quilt square reflects a few of his favorite things. Incorporated are the Seattle Seahawks and his beloved Prairie High School Falcons that captured his heart with the sports of girls' basketball. Disneyland, or "land," as he called it, was his happy place. From 2000 to 2018, we took yearly trips to Disneyland. Each and every time was an experience of joy for him, each time was like the first time.

David loved his family and friends unconditionally. His "village" grew each year as we explored opportunities to experience new things with him. Whether it was going to a basketball game, volleyball game, traveling to the beach, driving to Disneyland or traveling to visit friends and family, he embraced every experience with anticipation and joy.



Quilt square designed and submitted by David's mother, Anna Norman.

Quilt 22, Block 17



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.

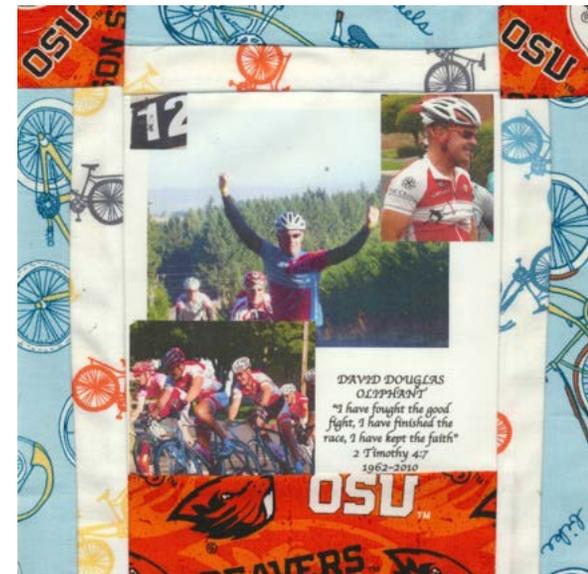
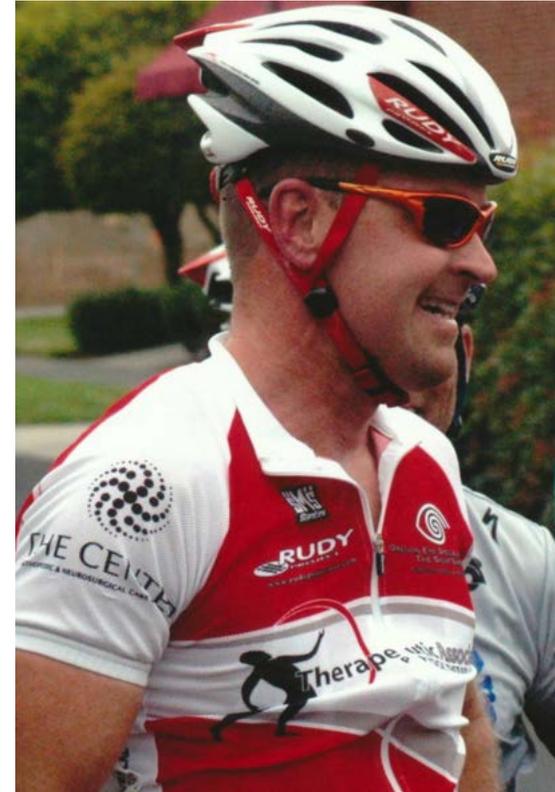
David was a man of faith and a passionate cyclist, and Oregon State University graduate. He was a wonderful brother, uncle, son and grandson. David's registered racing number, 112, is noted on the quilt square.

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.

David is joined in heaven by his niece, Missy, and his dad, Doug. All three are donors.

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

Quilt 22, Block E1



HONORING Douglas “Dougo” Oliphant

Lake Oswego, Oregon
Cornea Donor
May 21, 2014

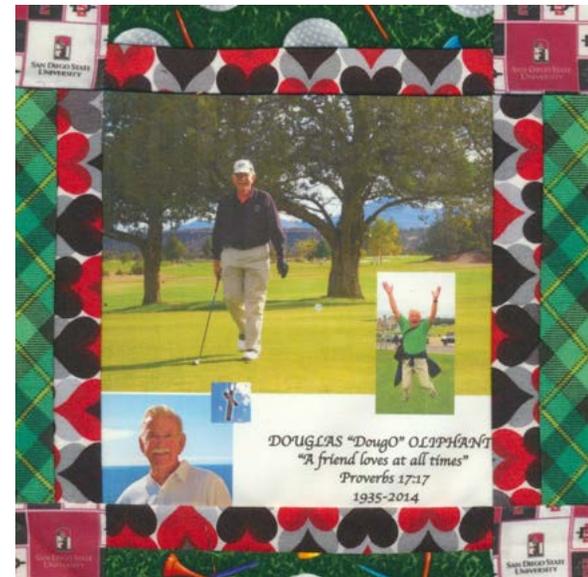
Doug Oliphant championed the cause of organ, eye, and tissue donation after the sudden passing of his son, David, who became a cornea and tissue donor. Doug joined the board of Donate Life Northwest and continued his service until his passing in 2014. As desired, Doug became a cornea donor after his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

Doug was passionate about Donate Life, Jesus, family, golf, and gardening.

Doug is joined in heaven by his son, David, and granddaughter, Missy. All three are donors and gave the gifts of life, sight, and health to over 50 people.

Quilt square designed by niece, Cherie Jacobson, and submitted by Beth Hoover, Doug's daughter and current Donate Life Northwest board member.

Quilt 22, Block H2



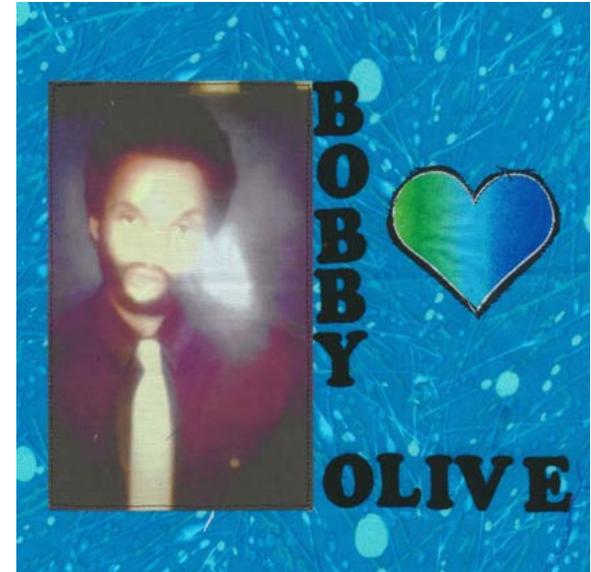
HONORING
Bobby Olive, Sr.
Portland, Oregon
Oregon's First Heart Donor
February 12, 1958—December 4, 1985

Bobby Olive, Sr. became Oregon's first heart transplant donor at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) on December 4, 1985.

Bobby's mother, Martha, had a wish to know her son's heart recipient. She wanted a relationship with the recipient. Her wish was granted. Wesley Merrill received the gift of life — Bobby's heart. Martha met and bonded with Wes and was able to hear her son's heart beating inside of Wes. The rest is history. The gift will never be forgotten.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Bobby's sister, Balinda Olive-Beltran, a current Donate Life Northwest board member.

Quilt 22, Block A1



HONORING

Gloria Olive

Washougal, Washington

Donor Family Member and Donation Advocate

October 4, 1952–November 18, 2019

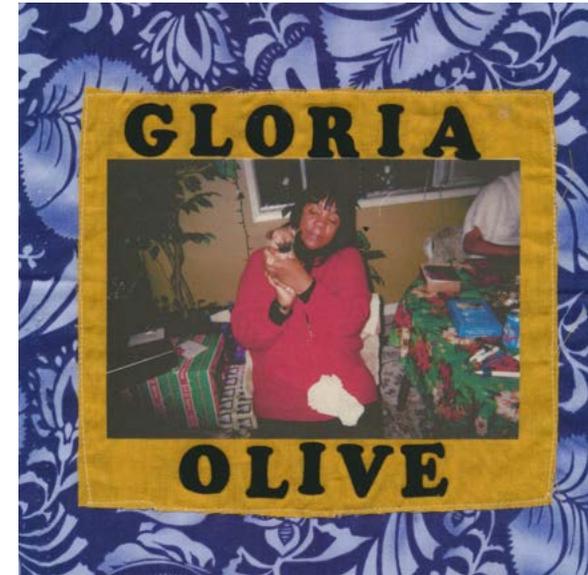
Gloria was born in 1952 in Hobbs, NM. In 1956, her parents moved the family to Portland. She was the only girl in her family with four brothers. She graduated from Grant High School in 1970. For 30 years until her retirement, Gloria worked for Pacific Northwest Bell (aka “Ma Bell”).

In 1972, Gloria met the love of her life, John Olive. They started dating, and it was a match made in Heaven. On March 3, 1974, they joined their hearts, minds, and hands in marriage.

Gloria was introduced to the Oregon Donor Program (now Donate Life Northwest) in 1985, when her brother-in-law, Bobby, became Oregon’s first heart transplant donor.

Gloria supported the mission of giving back, recycling yourself, and being a donor to help save lives. Every year, Gloria enjoyed attending DLNW’s Lifesavers Breakfast. But in 2019, just three weeks before the Breakfast, Gloria was diagnosed with cancer and wasn’t able to attend. She passed on November 18, 2019, with her husband at her bedside.

Gloria is missed by her three sons, Johan, Johntae, and Justin. Just before her death, Gloria learned that her first grandchild was expected in February 2020. She was going to be the grandmother of a baby girl, and she was so happy that she was going to get the girl she always wanted. It brought tears to her eyes. Though she has passed, she will live on through her granddaughter.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Gloria’s sister-in-law, Balinda Olive-
Beltran, a current DLNW board member.*

Quilt 22, Block C7



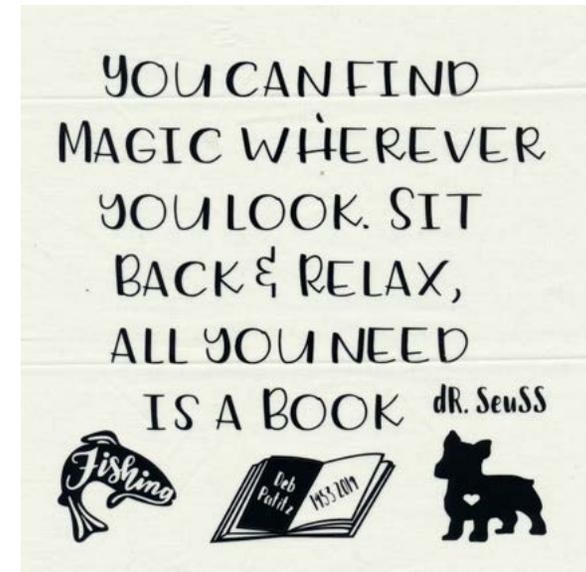
HONORING
Deborah Patitz

Roseburg, Oregon
Cornea Donor
1953–2019

Deborah was always kind and helping others. She was very joyful. Even though her life was hard, she didn't see it that way.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Beverly and Khara Patitz.

Quilt 22, Block A2



HONORING
Arista Pelzel
La Pine, Oregon
Kidney Donor
March 17, 2019

Arista was a very loving mother, daughter, granddaughter, and sister. She was the firstborn of Alexius Sacaloff, who loves to tell the story that, “She could make me laugh harder than anyone. So many places we went together. We would all be laughing so hard we would make a scene. Once, I had to wait outside at an event we attended together. I was alone outside laughing so hard a man asked me if I was alright or if I needed help. Instead of responding, I continued laughing. When I told Arista, we laughed even more.”

Arista was the mother of 4 children. While raising them, she also successfully earned a bachelor’s degree. She was funny, had many friends, and was very generous.

Arista’s family created and submitted four squares to honor their loved one in this quilt. Each shows a different facet of Arista’s life and personality. Arista’s sister, Tiffany, sent a square with a cat theme because, “Her favorite animal was always the cat. She could never have just one.” Her sister, Courtney, sent a square with a “broken angel” theme to represent that Arista was an angel who “was taken from us way too soon.” And Mary Pelzel sent a square with a drawing of mismatched socks because, “Arista wouldn’t wear matching socks.”





Quilt square designed and submitted by Arista's mother, Alexius Sacaloff.

Quilt 22, Block B4



Quilt square designed and submitted by Mary Pelzel.

Quilt 22, Block G4



Quilt square on left designed and submitted by Arista's sister, Tiffany Haynes.

Quilt 22, Block H5

Quilt square on right created and submitted by Arista's sister, Courtney Hawkins.

Quilt 22, Block C5

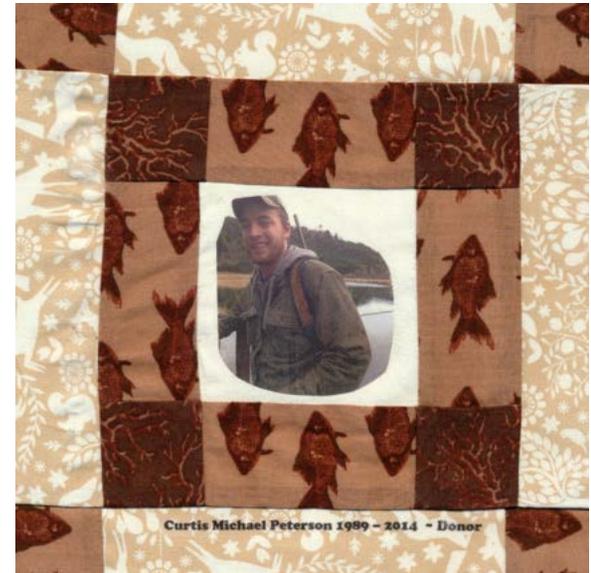


HONORING
Curtis Peterson
Portland, Oregon
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor
March 26, 2014

Curtis was an amazing young man who lived life to the fullest. He loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping. His family and friends meant the world to him. Curtis had a close knit group of friends that made lots of crazy memories with their shenanigans. Curtis's laugh was unique and distinct as he would throw his head back and laugh out loud. Curtis also loved to read mysteries and survival books.

Curtis had an amazing work ethic and started working at a young age on Christmas tree farms. He was an apprentice carpenter working towards being a Journeyman when a motorcycle accident ended his life way too soon. Our family has always believed in organ donation, and we're proud Curtis was able to be other people's miracles besides our own.

We will forever miss his beautiful smile and the sound of his laughter.



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

Quilt 22, Block B3

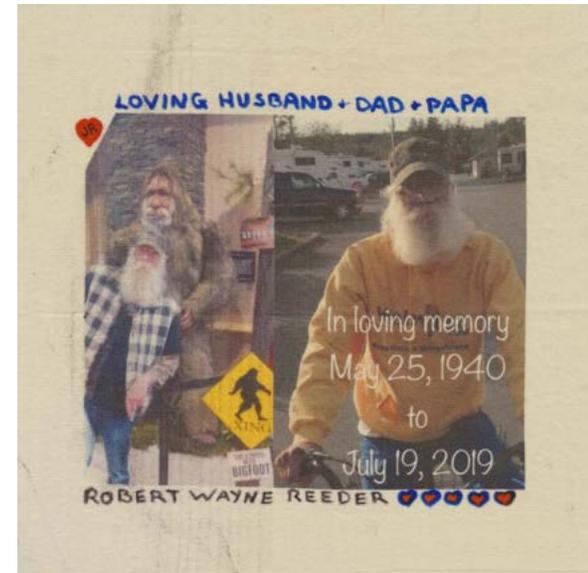
HONORING
Wayne Reeder
Drain, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
May 25, 1940—July 19, 2019

My husband of 42 years was a father of four and grand-father of four. He loved his family and loved taking us hunting and camping and going to the kids' school athletic games.

Wayne was registered as an organ donor on his driver's license and gave his eyes and skin tissue so someone else could use them.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Wayne's wife,
Judy Reeder.*

Quilt 22, Block G8



HONORING
Mary Catherine Reid

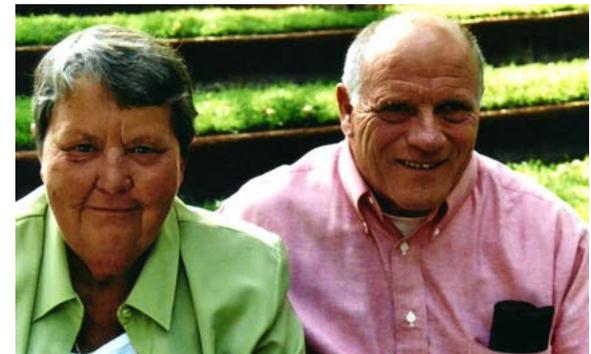
Central Point, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
September 15, 2013

Mary was a devoted wife and mother. She loved quilting and made beautiful quilts. Her favorite quilt was black and white. This year's square reflects her love for that quilt and uses some of her fabric. She was very generous and made quilts for many friends and family.

We miss her daily.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Mary's daughter, Kelly Reid.

Quilt 22, Block 15



HONORING
Abigail “Abby” Robinson

Forest Grove, Oregon
Organ, Cornea and Tissue Donor
October 23, 2013

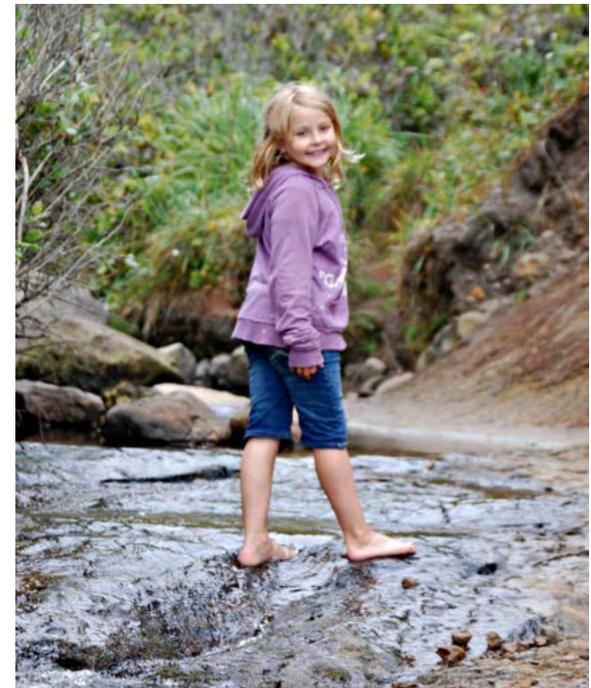
Abbey was 11 in the fall of 2013 when she and her 6-year-old sister, Anna went to Heaven. Abby – a 6th grader and Anna – a 1st grader, were vibrant and vivacious girls who loved their family and friends, hearts and rainbows, and could often be found laughing, dancing, drawing, and living busy, love-drenched lives.

Abby gave the gifts of life, sight, and health by donating her kidneys, liver, corneas, and tissue.

From their home in Heaven, Abby and Anna continue to encourage and inspire their loved ones – and everyone who hears their stories.

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

Quilt 22, Block A6



HONORING
Jordan “Jinx” Salt-Hoffman
Portland, Oregon
Cornea Donor
September 15, 1992–August 14, 2015

Jordan, known by many as “Jinx” and affectionately called “Baby” by her family, was beautiful, generous, smart, loving, sentimental, courageous, and had a wickedly dark sense of humor. She loved animals, baking cakes and cookies, music, and helping others. When Jordan learned she was terminally ill with cancer of the brain stem she said that all she wanted for her “bucket list” was for her best friend, Nakia Hentz (also featured in this book and on this quilt) to get the heart transplant she needed. Jordan was overjoyed when Nakia received that transplant!

Jordan was a shining soul whose presence is profoundly missed.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by friends Deanna Franks,
Kayla Hentz, and Lei Hentz.*

Quilt 22, Block D3



HONORING
Dante Sanseri
Vancouver, WA
Cornea and Tissue Donor
2011 and 2014

Dante was diagnosed with autism at 18 months. He attended a special needs classroom until his behavior dictated that he do strictly ABA therapy five days a week, six hours a day. He touched an amazingly large number of people; over 400 attended his funeral.

We had many visits to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Dante was non-verbal, had seizures, GI issues, and self-injurious behavior. In spite of all that, he was amazingly sweet. He touched the hearts of teachers, therapists, family, friends, doctors, and local store owners. The Domino's we were weekly customers at even donated fifty pizzas to Dante's service.

He loved to swim, go on rides (the bigger, the better), jump, dance and cuddle. He taught us patience, acceptance, and kindness. Many people who met him ended up going into the special needs field because he had that big of an impact on them.

Dante was just shy of his 17th birthday when he passed away. When we were asked if we were willing to donate organs and tissues, we knew his death would not be in vain. His brain and GI tract were donated to autism research. His skin was donated to help burn victims. And his beautiful eyes will helpfully give someone else the opportunity to see beauty.

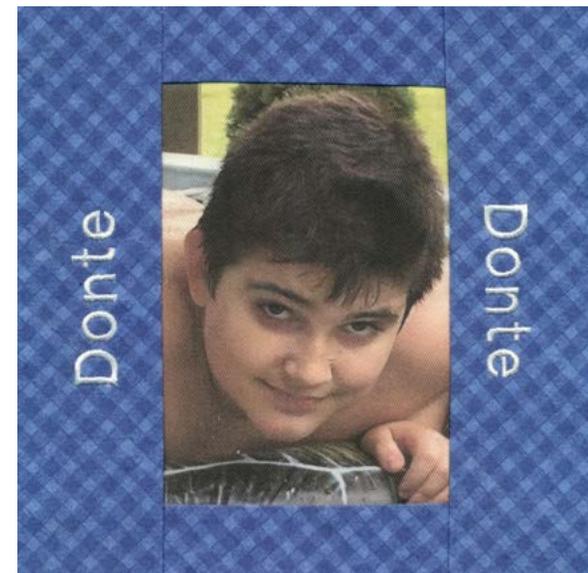
Dante was supposed to be our forever baby, and the thought of not having him with us never crossed our minds. But we've learned to celebrate small successes and know that tomorrow is always a new beginning.

Written by Dante's parents, Mike and Kathy Sanseri.



Quilt square designed by Dante's aunt, Bonnie Luker, submitted by Dante's mother, Kathy Sanseri.

Quilt 22, Block D7



CELEBRATING
Rebecca Simon

Portland, Oregon
Tissue Recipient
2011 and 2014



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

Quilt square created and submitted by Rebecca Simon.

Quilt 22, Block B2

CELEBRATING
Alicia Smith
Oregon City, Oregon
Living Kidney Donor
October 31, 2017

Alicia is one the most selfless people I know. She is a strong, compassionate and brave woman. She is my angel on earth. I needed a kidney transplant after both of my kidneys failed from the immunosuppression medications that I received after my heart transplant. When Alicia found out I needed a kidney, she instantly knew she was going to be the donor. Even with having her (very supportive!) husband and two small children at home, as well as being the sole income provider for her family, she went through all of the testing and was deemed an almost perfect match. In fact, she is such a close match that we look like blood relatives on paper.

On Halloween 2017, Alicia shared her spare (kidney) with me. It was pretty spooky if you ask me. ;) I'm forever grateful to her, and I'm honored to be a part of her family too. She recovered beautifully and was back to work after two weeks. I was able to go back to living my life again and not be tethered to a dialysis machine. I was able to take a bucket list trip to Barcelona, Spain that I'd been dreaming about since culinary school. Alicia made that possible. I had an amazing time, and I kept her in my thoughts with everything I did. She is an amazing woman, and I'm honored to call her my donor, but more importantly my friend! She is a great advocate for the community, and she is proud of her scar. She also loves to talk to people about organ donation too. Because of Alicia's selfless act of organ donation, I can continue to live life to the fullest!



Quilt square designed by DLNW staff on behalf of Alicia's kidney recipient, Mike Hargett.

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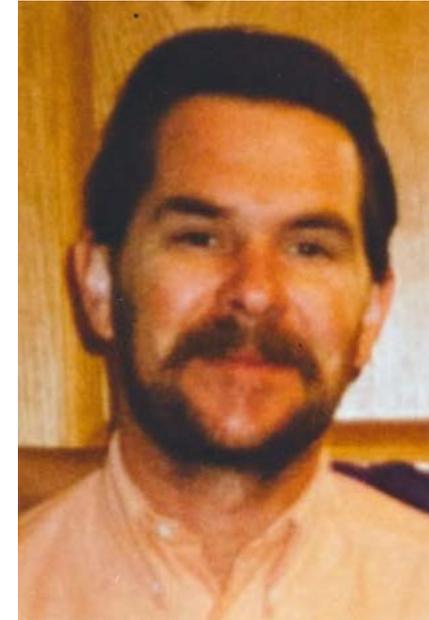
HONORING

Mark Smith

Eugene, Oregon

Kidney and Pancreas Recipient

April 6, 1961–April 2, 2017



Mark lived with Type 1 Diabetes for thirty years before his pancreas and kidney transplants in 2006. He was no longer diabetic but lived with complications for the rest of his life.

His family and friends were very important to him, and he was always very happy when he could help them in any way.

Mark loved baseball — he was a big Dodgers fan and collected baseball cards for years. Music was another love of his, and he had a huge collection of Rolling Stones music. Mark also enjoyed collecting lighthouse-themed and nautical items.

Mark will always be remembered for his positive outlook when faced with adversity and for giving a helping hand when needed.

Quilt square designed and submitted by mother, Joanna Paetz.

Quilt 22, Block G5



CELEBRANDO | CELEBRATING

Marilyn Tovar

Gresham, Oregon

Y Honrando a su Donante de Riñón Desconocido | And Honoring Her Unknown Kidney Donor

October 27, 2019

Este cuadrado del edredón se hizo para honrar al generoso donante de riñón que salvó la vida de Marilyn Tovar.

This quilt square was made to honor the generous kidney donor who saved the life of Marilyn Tovar.

Creando y presentado por Marilyn Tovar.

Quilt square created and submitted by Marilyn Tovar.

Colcha 22, Cuadrado H3

Quilt 22, Block H3



Marilyn es voluntaria en un evento cuatro meses después de su trasplante de riñón que le salvó la vida.

Marilyn volunteering at an event four months after her lifesaving kidney transplant.

HONORING
Martha Vanarsdale-Olive

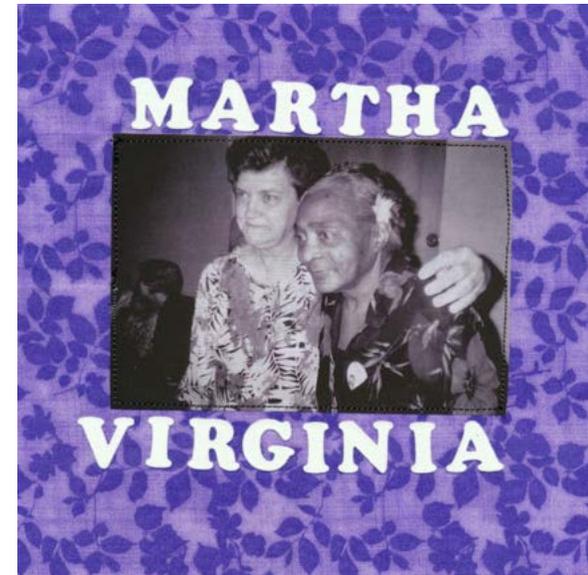
Portland, Oregon
Mother of Oregon's First Heart Donor
Donation and Transplantation Advocate
December 7, 1933—January 16, 2012

Martha was born in Mississippi in 1933. In 1949, she married Herbert Hoover Olive and moved the family to Oregon for a better life. The Olives and four of Martha's sisters, Sally, Polly, Sarah, and Bertha Vanarsdale settled in Oregon. The family loved spending time with each other, and Martha loved people. She wanted to help people in any way she could. She was a Christian and loved God.

In 1985, Martha tragically lost her fifth child, her son, Bobby, who was 27 years old. But Martha gave permission to the doctors at OHSU to use Bobby's heart for transplant, and in her son's heart recipient, Wesley Merrill, she gained a new son. And a new daughter-in-law in Wesley's wife, Virginia, who is pictured right with Martha on the quilt square. Martha was a Mom to them both, and the families often celebrated holidays together – birthdays, Mother's Day, and Christmas.

Martha passed away on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's holiday in 2012 with her daughter, Balinda, by her bedside. But Martha had spent the last decades of her life advocating for Donate Life Northwest's mission. It was important for her to share the story of giving the gift of life.

Virginia and her daughter, Cindi, now live in Kansas, but remain close to Martha's family. Virginia and Balinda (Martha's daughter) call each other, "Sis." Wesley passed away in 1990, but is still missed by his entire extended family and will never be forgotten.



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Martha's daughter, Balinda Olive-Beltran,
a current member of the DLNW
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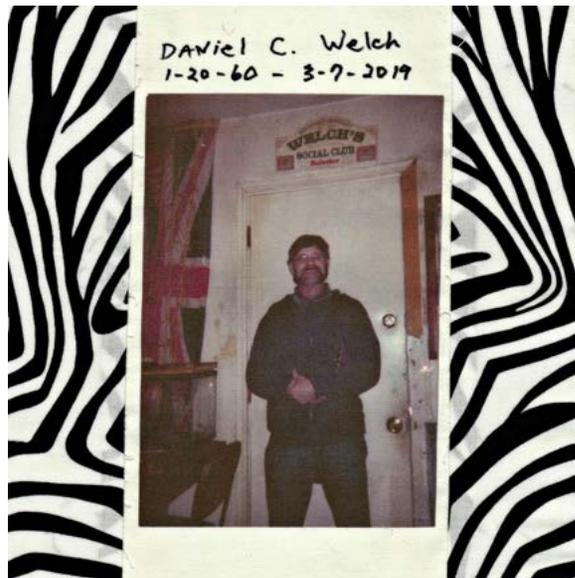
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HONORING
Daniel Welch

Albany, Oregon
Cornea Donor

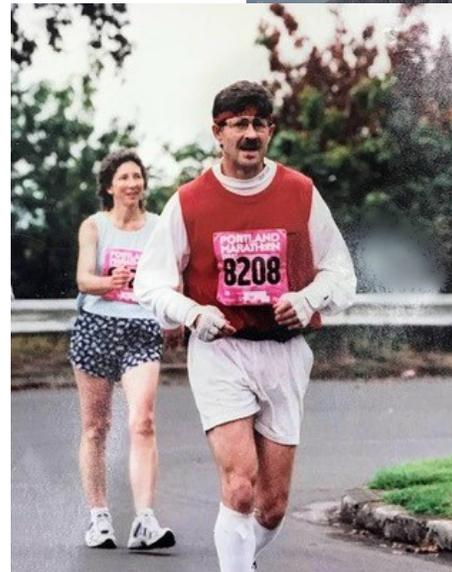
January 20, 1960—March 7, 2019

My brother, Dan, was a marathon runner, an artist of stained glass and costume, an animal lover, an identical twin, and just an extremely generous and compassionate person. He was always looking for ways to help others. He was an adventurer through and through and loved the outdoors. When he died in March 2019, he became a cornea donor.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by Dan's sister,
Nora Sonne.*

Quilt 22, Block G1



HONORING
David Welter

Goble, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
March 15, 1933–July 18, 2011

David has now been gone for eight years, but it seems like just yesterday he was still with us. His passing away during heart surgery devastated everyone he knew. His kindness reached so many people: friends, family, and even strangers. He always put others before himself. He is missed dearly.

Here are a few words to describe David:

Devoted to helping others.

Overjoyed to give and not receive.

Nature lover.

Observant – always saw the good in people.

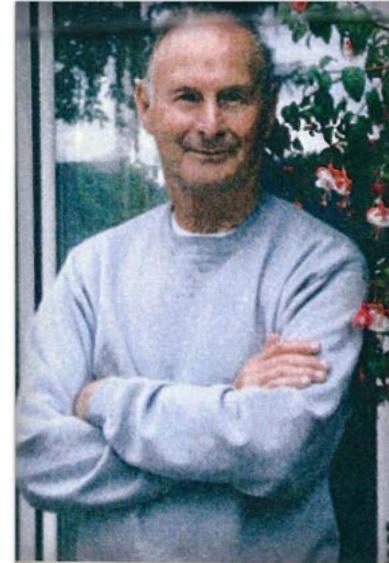
Reliable in all things.

When David was finally taken off life support, we were able to donate his corneas and tissue. He would have been so happy to know that he gave until the very end.

This year, in David's honor, we made a "bow tie" quilt square from one of his shirts.

Quilt square designed and submitted by David's wife, Lilibell Welter and David's daughter, Gwyn Benson.

Quilt 22, Block G3



HONORING
Norma Wolf
and her daughter
Dawn DeHaan
Lincoln City, Oregon
Donors
May 11, 2016—Norma
July 30, 2017—Dawn



*Quilt square designed and submitted by family friend,
Dolores Johnson of Newport, Oregon.*

Quilt 22, Block B8

HONORING **Jeffrey Wood**

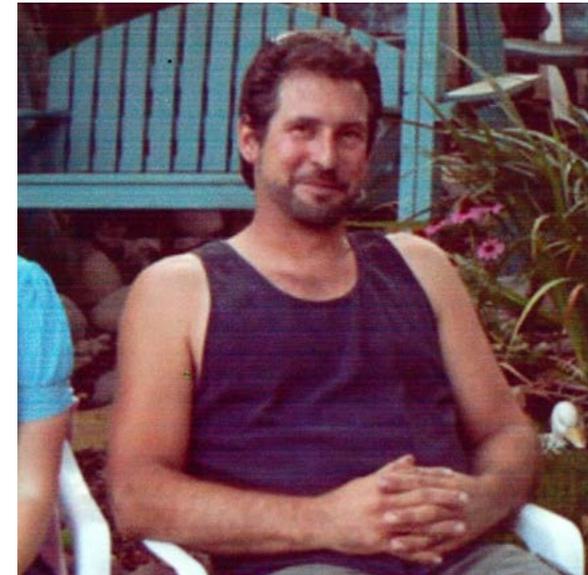
Eugene, Oregon
Cornea Donor

September 21, 1962–March 19, 2018

Jeff was a husband, son, father, grandfather, friend, and a successful business entrepreneur. He was passionate about his business, his family, and helping others find their inner skills. He found something good in everyone.

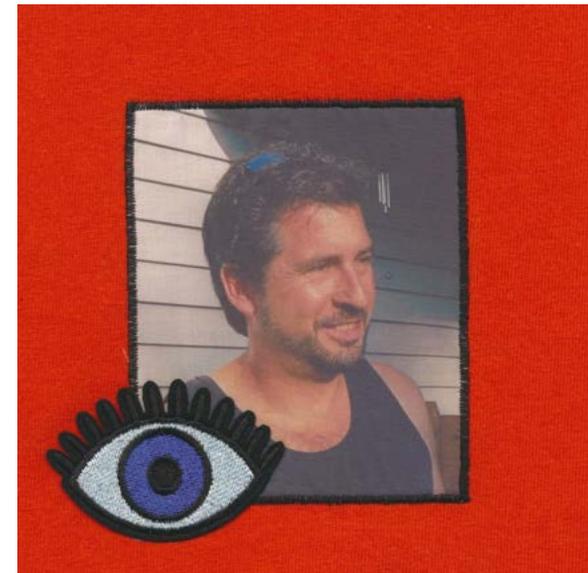
Jeff believed that success came not only from work but from having a family. Jeff's greatest accomplishment was raising four kids and becoming a grandfather of three. He said having a family was the biggest success he could ever have.

While he is missed, we all know how lucky we were to have him in our lives. Jeff lives on through his family and friends, as well as through his cornea recipients. He is forever in our hearts.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Jeff's wife, Erin Wood.*

Quilt 22, Block F8



CELEBRATING
Alysia Yamasaki

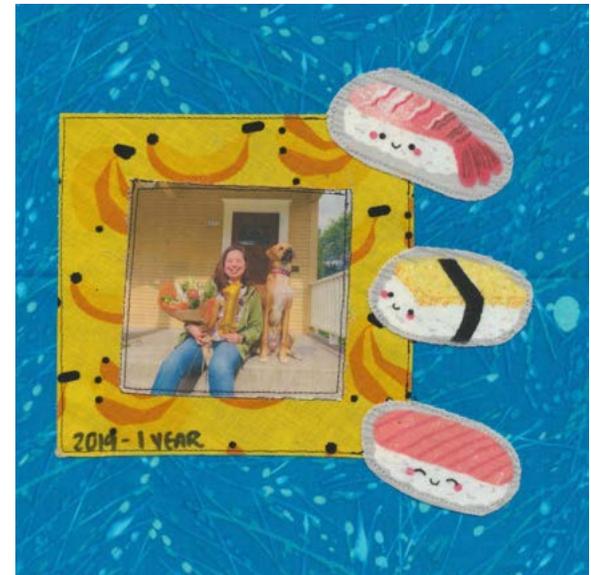
Portland, Oregon
Kidney Recipient
June 20, 2018

This quilt square honors my donor for giving me life. I will always be thankful.

It also honors my mom and my partner, Joshua, for being my number one supporters. Thank you! You are my sushi friends and family.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Alysia Yamaski.

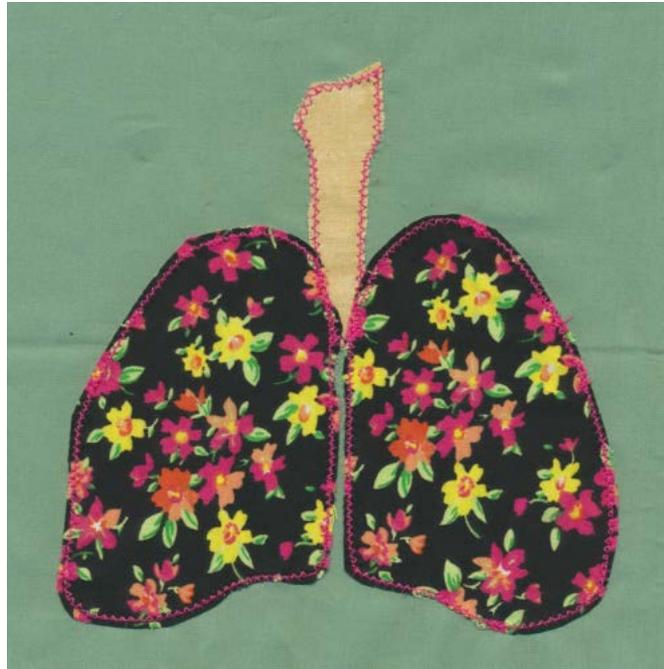
Quilt 22, Block H1



RECOGNIZING

The 45 Patients in our Region Waiting on Lungs

In Oregon and Washington today, there are 45 patients who are waiting for lifesaving lung transplants. In many cases, they are fighting for every breath and live in hospitals instead of their own homes. The wait is hard. We wish them all health!



Quilt square designed and submitted by DLNW staffer, Maria Filizola.

Quilt 22, Block 11

CELEBRATING Volunteers

This quilt square celebrates the dedicated volunteers who make it possible for DLNW to continue to fulfill our mission. From the office volunteers who come by and fill materials orders for community events to those who stand at the information tables of countless events to the speakers who bravely go to schools and stand in front of classes — you are making a difference! Thank you!

In 2019, we had 207 active volunteers, who served a total of 1,525 hours!



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

Quilt 22, Block E4

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 and submitted by DLNW staffer, Carolina Hunt and volunteer, Nevaeh Dewitt.

Quilt 22, Block F4



Lions VisionGift is the non-profit eye bank serving the state of Oregon and SW 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.

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Quilt 22, Block A8



Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank is the federally-designated non-profit organ procurement organization serving Oregon, SW 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.

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CELEBRATING Donate Life Northwest Programs



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Quilt 22, Block E5*

*Square designed & submitted by DLNW staffer, Marissa Mark.
Quilt 22, Block I8*



Done Vida Noroeste es nuestro programa de alcance hispano hablante.

School Outreach At DLNW, we aim to educate and inspire students about organ, eye, and tissue donation through classroom presentations taught by a trained volunteer with a personal connection to the mission.



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*Square designed & submitted by WELD volunteer, Patrice Ball.
Quilt 22, Block G2*

The Erase the Wait Mentorship Program is a program for waitlisted kidney patients in which they are paired up with a mentor to support them in their outreach efforts to find a living kidney donor.

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.



