

# DEAR FRIENDS,

We are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 2016 *Threads of Life Quilt*, celebrating the lives of individuals who have been touched by organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation. Constructed from articles of clothing, blankets, photos and heirlooms, each square is unique and tells a story of the incredible courage, faith, and generosity of members of our community throughout the region.

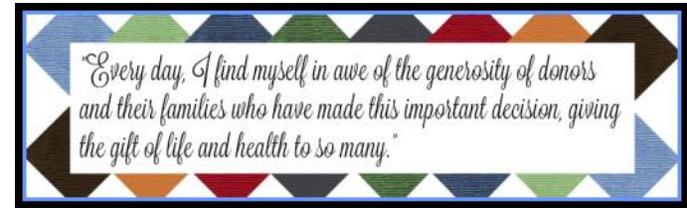
As we honor our friends and families with our 18<sup>th</sup> quilt, we also celebrate the time and commitment given to these quilts by four very special and dedicated volunteers: Ann Torgerson, Jan Zyp, Alberta Damm, and Cheryl Ferris. After 11 years weaving together so many inspiring stories into the Threads of Life quilts, Ann, Jan and Alberta are retiring. We are forever grateful for their contribution to this project.

This quilt celebrates the lives of transplant recipients and offers hope to those awaiting transplant. It is also dedicated to the memory of those donors who gave the gift of life, sight and mobility. Every day, I find myself in awe of the generosity of donors and their families who have made this important decision, giving the gift of life and health to so many.

We are all part of an inspirational and dedicated community. 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 are truly honored and humbled to be the stewards of your stories through this beautiful quilt.

*Leslie Brock*

Executive Director  
Donate Life Northwest



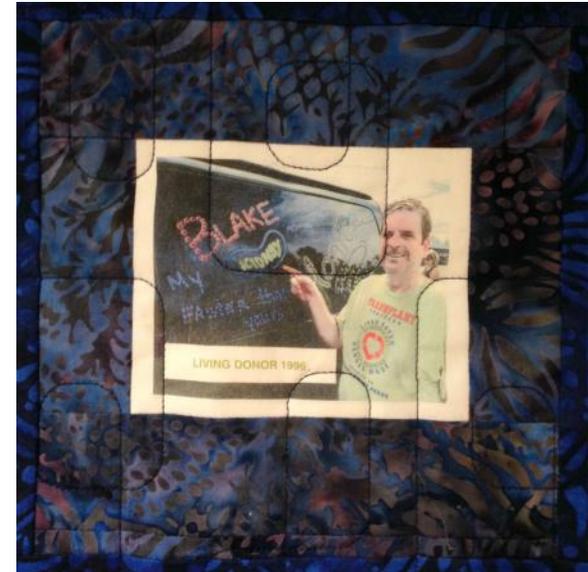


CELEBRATING  
**BLAKE ADAMS**  
CANBY, OR  
LIVING KIDNEY DONOR  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

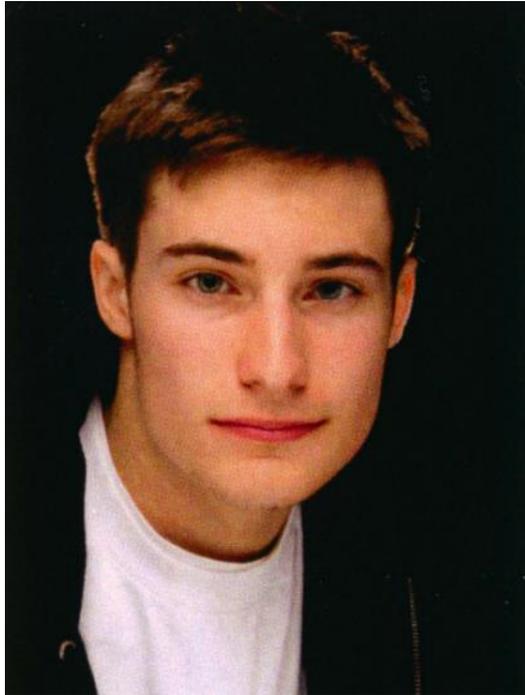
**O**n September 9, 1996, Blake donated his left kidney to his son, Joseph, who was 10 years old at the time. This year marks 20 years since the successful transplant, which ended 22 months of dialysis. As a racewalker, Blake joined the Transplant Trotters in 2000, competing in the Portland to Coast Relay. He won gold medals at Transplant Games of American in 2012 and 2014.

*Quilt square submitted by Blake Adams.*

*Quilt 18  
Block A6*



HONORING  
**AARON ALTO**  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
HEART, LUNG, KIDNEY, PANCREAS AND LIVER DONOR  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011



**A**aron was a sports enthusiast. He was an extreme backcountry snowmachiner and had just made his first professional hockey team (the Danbury Whalers in Connecticut) when he passed away. Aaron was extremely driven to succeed at all his endeavors and was always there helping others reach their potential, too. He was an example of determination and strength. A true leader, Aaron lived by the words of hockey great, Mark Messier: "As a captain, I think it is important that the players really know who you are and what you stand for, what your beliefs are, and to be consistent in those if things are going good or things are going bad."

Aaron's organ donations allowed 14 children to not lose a parent!



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Santee Alto.*

*Quilt 18, Block E1*



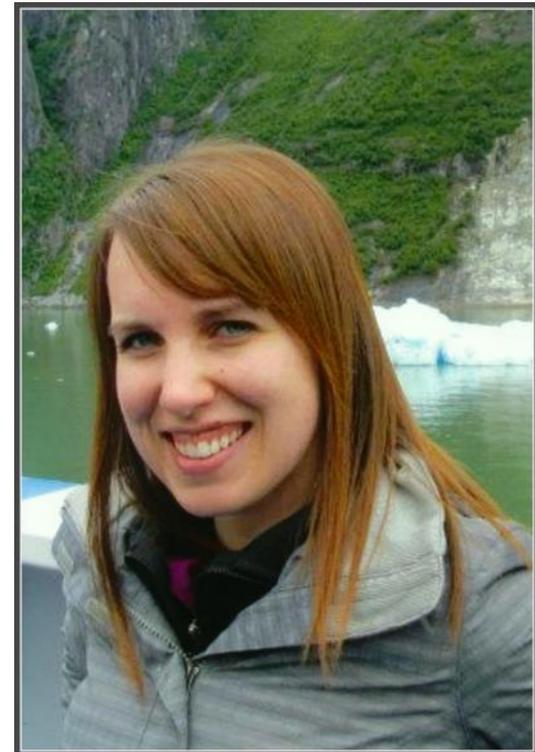
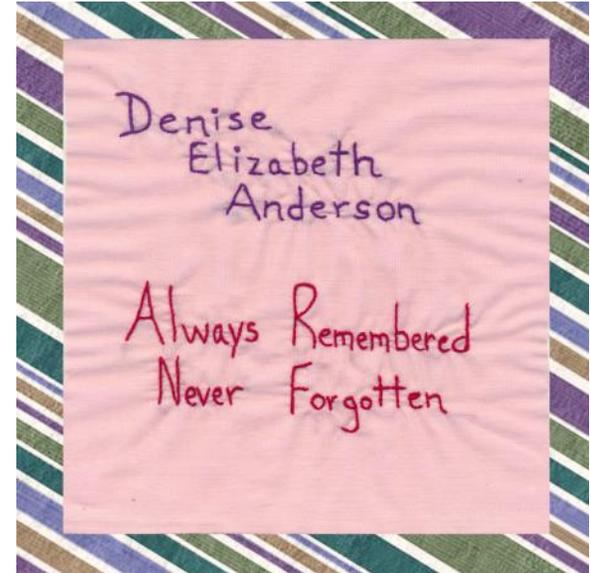
HONORING  
**DENISE ANDERSON**  
MEDFORD, OREGON  
ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR

**M**usic was always a huge part of Denise's life, and singing was always her greatest musical pursuit. She performed in numerous performances from elementary through high school, but her crowning glory was as the queen at her high school choir's Renaissance Dinner. Denise also sang with youth choruses for nine consecutive years. Her love of music also included playing piano. Her senior project in high school incorporated playing the piano weekly at a local memory care facility. Through music, Denise brought joy to so many.

Upon Denise's passing, her best friend said, "It's hard to put into words the impact one person can have on your life. Your infectious laugh will always bring a smile to my face." Words cannot describe the impact Denise has had on our lives and the lives of so many. Her touch on our world is far-reaching. And while it is beyond human understanding why Denise is no longer with us here, we know that Denise and all she exemplified lives on forever through everyone she touched. Denise was and continues to be an inspiring example of how to live life to the fullest. One of Denise's favorite sayings was, "Live well, laugh often, love much." Denise is always remembered, never forgotten.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly & Alan Anderson*

*Quilt 18, Block B8*



HONORING  
**MARK ANGELES**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
MAY 27, 2015



**M**ark James Angeles was a person full of life; he loved snowboarding and was passionate about bicycles, volunteering, chemistry, music, the mountains, and the beach.

Mark was born in Washington, DC, but grew up in Colorado Springs. He loved writing, math, science, and being with his peers. He was involved in track and cross-country, a marching and concert band, played the drums, and was always busy trying to make lives better for everyone he met. He went to Portland, Oregon, to attend Reed College. He flourished into becoming a young man, full of life always, with a beaming smile, a bear hug, and willing to help others through volunteering at a middle school, at the Community Cycling Center, and at Reed College where he managed the bike co-op and was a housing advisor. Mark graduated at the top of his class with a degree in chemistry. He was looking forward to a lifetime of what he called “real adulthood.” But Mark left us too soon in a tragic accident just nine days after his college graduation.

Mark was the kind of person who represents the best in us. He was smart, witty, passionate, and driven, but at the same time, incredibly thoughtful and loving. He made it his mission every single day to simply love people in whatever way he could. He had eyes that could always see the good in other people, even when all they could see was bad. He was a true and unique light to this world, and is sorely missed.

Thank you, Mark, for touching lives simply by being true to yourself. We love you. ~ Mom, Dad, and Mia

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Gemma Angeles.*



*Quilt 18, Block H3*

CELEBRATING  
**MARGARET BAHNSON**  
SANDY, OREGON  
LIVER RECIPIENT  
SEPTEMBER 2006 AND NOVEMBER 2010

**T**his quilt square is a tribute to the donors who gave the gift of life to me, a complete stranger. Because of their generosity, I was given not only a second, but a third chance at a healthy and happy life.

In 2006, I became very ill, very quickly. The doctors were unable to determine the cause of my liver failure, but gratefully, I received a liver transplant a few months after diagnosis. In 2010, the liver that was so generously gifted to me failed, and I was on the list again. I was extremely fortunate to receive another liver, and I have been healthy ever since. My feelings are very complicated knowing that someone died and my life was saved as a result.

I do not know who my donors are. I wish I did, because it is their story I would like to tell. I can merely say that I carry gratitude in my heart every day for my donors and their families. **Thank you for the gift of life! One day, I want to be a hero, too.**



*Quilt square designed and submitted  
by Margaret Bahnsen.*

*Quilt 18, Block G2*

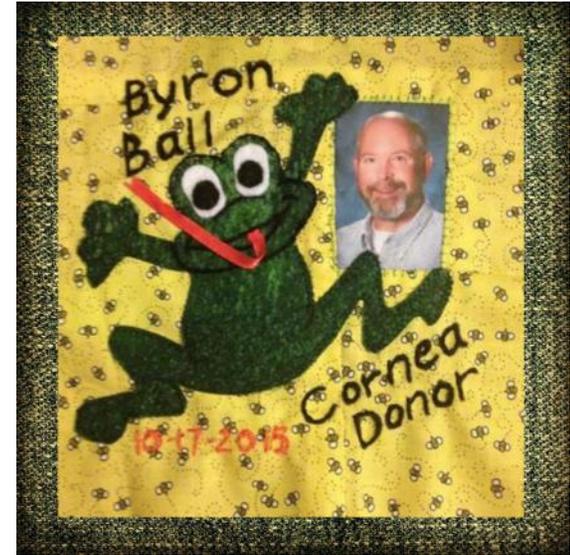
HONORING  
**BYRON BALL**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
OCTOBER 17, 2015

**B**yron was a beloved family man, a kind soul, and a gifted high school science teacher. He loved sharing his enthusiasm for the natural world with his students in the classroom and beyond: on field trips to the Oregon coast, Jewel Meadows, Sauvie Island, and central Oregon; and by hosting friends and family in his backyard, a peaceful and enveloping oasis he designed and developed from a blank pallet with an outpouring of love, commitment, and energy, the same way he designed his family life and his classroom. Some 200 people attended the memorial service, including former students from Sandy High School, coworkers, friends, and family. Their stories, along with the 70+ comments posted in the Oregonian online guestbook attest to the impact made in so many lives by a dear man.

Byron left this world at age 58, survived by two sons: Nate and Ryan; three step-children: Patience, Simogne, and Milo; and his wife, Patrice. His corneas have provided the gift of sight to two recipients who can now enjoy the beauty of nature: birds and animals, the sun and stars and sky, green spaces, waterways, and—probably most importantly—the faces of their loved ones. His name will live on in two natural settings near Portland: The Byron Ball Educational Forest in Sandy, Oregon, and on a memorial bench at Coon Point on Sauvie Island. Bring a camera or binoculars on your visit to enjoy one of his favorite natural viewpoints.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Patrice Ball.*

*Quilt 18, Block E4*



HONORING  
**MAXINE BELCHER**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
KIDNEY RECIPIENT



In remembrance of Maxine Belcher:

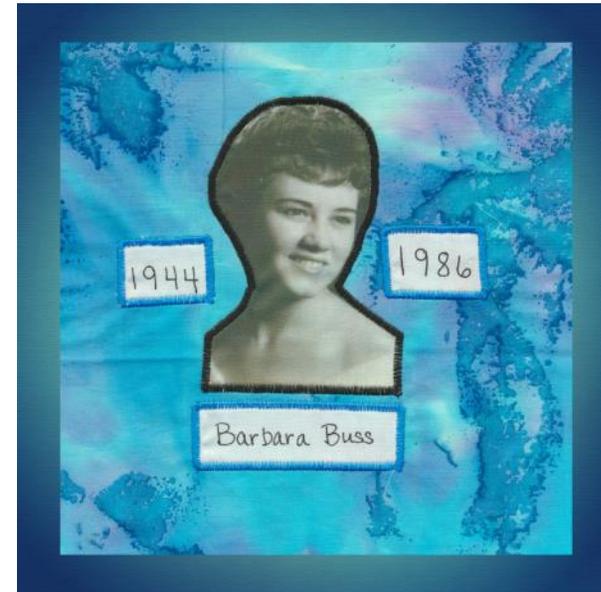
*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*

*Revelation 21:4*

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Gloria Olive.*

*Quilt 18, Block B4*

HONORING  
**BARBARA BUSS**  
BORING, OREGON  
KIDNEY AND CORNEA DONOR  
APRIL 20, 1986



**M**y Mom, Barbara, was an outgoing, athletic, vivacious woman, who was always available to help someone in need. When she passed away in 1986, she generously donated her corneas and one of her kidneys.

She was my hero.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Tracy Hoyle.*

*Quilt 18, Block G6*

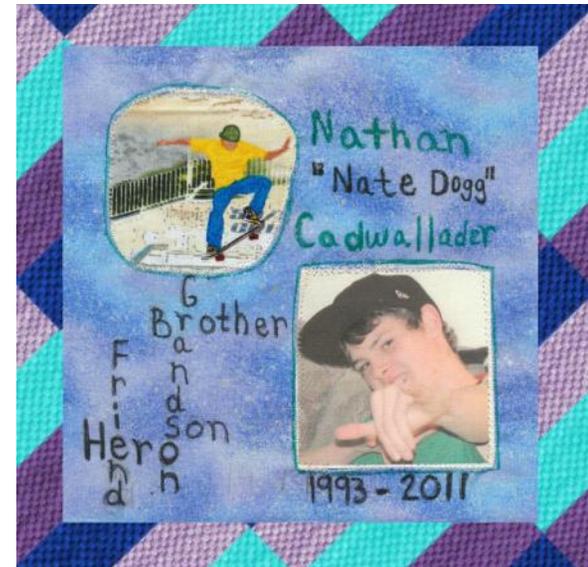
HONORING  
NATHAN CADWALLADER  
CENTRAL POINT, OREGON  
ORGAN DONOR  
JULY 2011

Our son, Nathan (aka "Nate Dogg") was such a happy baby, smiling and laughing. He was an active child, always exploring. He grew into a kind, loving teen, who many called friend.

He loved to help others whenever the chance would present itself. I never understood why he would always ask for a dollar, no more, no less, just a dollar. It was after his passing that I learned he would give them to homeless people when he would walk or skateboard around town. Whenever I would get stuck on a problem, he would say to me, "Mom, you have to think outside the box."

He was always such a clown, joking and teasing. He was so handsome with the bluest eyes, and tall. He would jokingly rest his arm on my shoulder, as a tease about his height and my lack of it. After Nate's passing, his Dad said, "He was my golden boy." His smile could light up a room.

It happened one day that Nate was looking at my driver's license and saw the D stamp on it and asked, "Hey, Mom, is that D for your name?" I replied, "No, it means I am an organ donor." We spoke briefly, and even at the age of 17, he replied with, "That's cool. Maybe I will be one, too." Who would have known that would come so soon? His act of donation is only a testament to his giving character. His liver went to a veteran who later sent us a letter stating that, "people call me a hero, but to me, your son, Nate, is my hero."



*Quilt square designed and submitted by*

*Dolores Cadwallader*

*Quilt 18, Block B7*

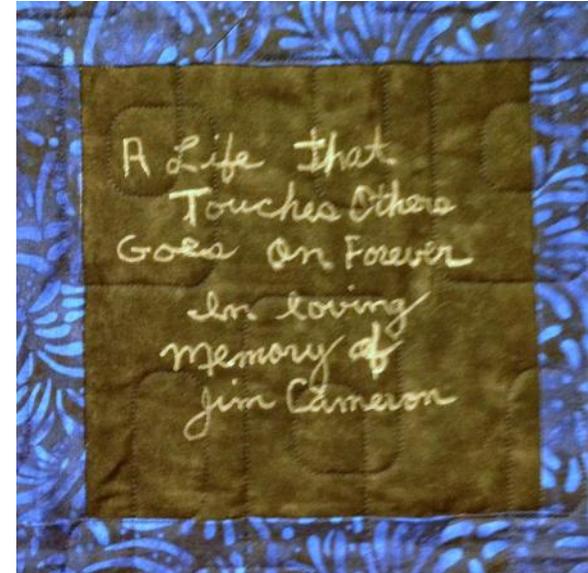
HONORING  
**JIM CAMERON**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
CORNEA DONOR  
JANUARY 15, 2015



**J**im passed away from a heart attack. He was retired, but was always helping others with hauling things away, yard work, or fixing things. He left behind a daughter, Cami, and his wife of twenty-five years, Sue.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sue Cameron.*

*Quilt 18, Block B5*



HONORING  
**ARYEN CHAMBERS**  
GRANTS PASS, OREGON  
ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR  
OCTOBER 25, 1999—AUGUST 17, 2015

**A**ryen was so kind, loving, sharing, and giving. Her heart was blessed and led by her love for the Lord. She was always passing along a smile to brighten the day of others. It's such a tragedy and unfair loss for such a young, vibrant sweetheart to be taken far too soon. Her legacy will forever live on in the hearts of her many loved ones. However, now, through her gift of life with donation, her spirit will carry on even more so.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Rachael Vischer and Terri Puckett.*

*Quilt 18, Block 11*

HONORING  
**JUDY CLARK**  
CENTRAL POINT, OREGON  
EYE AND TISSUE DONOR  
APRIL 18, 2015

Judy loved her family and friends. She loved scrapbooking, flamingos, Pepsi, angels, smiling, and anything involving family. She never gave up on anyone or anything.

Judy married her husband, Chuck, in 1965. They had three children: Kevin, Mike, and Robin.

She had a great life, and was also the “Jelly” in Peanut Butter & Jelly with her sisters. Judy had a great smile that could light up a room, and she was such an amazing woman. She always believed in dreams coming true.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by Robin & Mike Clark.*

*Quilt 18, Block C2*



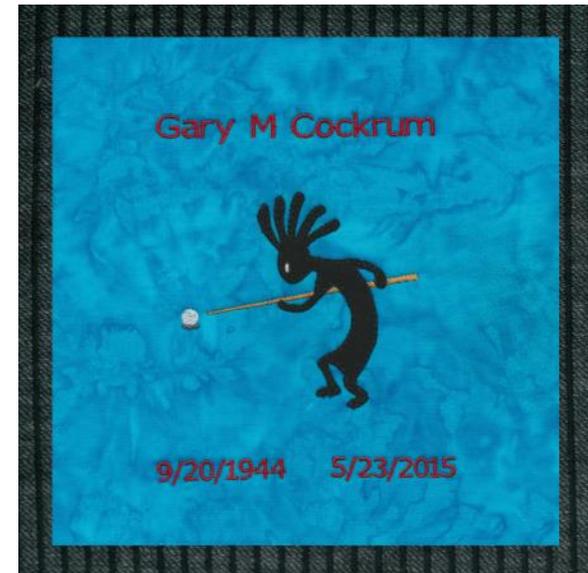
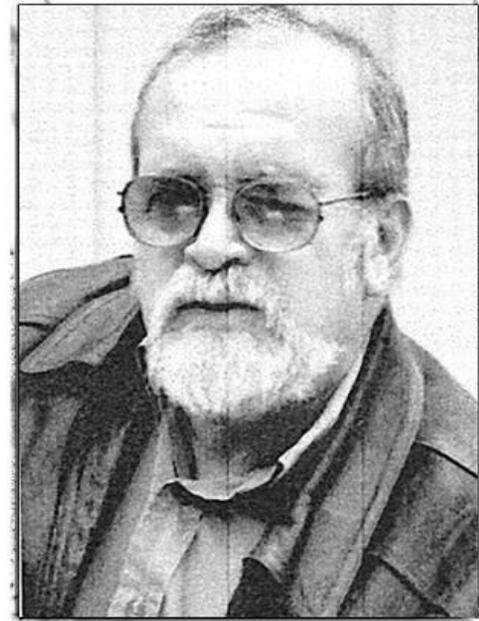
HONORING  
**GARY COCKRUM**  
SOUTH BEACH, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1944—MAY 23, 2015

**G**ary Michael Cockrum was born in Grappenhall, England, in 1944. Shortly after the war ended, he and his mother moved to the United States to join his serviceman father in Colorado. From an early age, Gary was a voracious reader, appreciated knowledge, and was a hard worker. In 1974, while at work, he met the love of his life, Laurel. They were married for 40 years and had two daughters, Kate and Beth.

Over the years, Gary had many hobbies including stamps, photography, and graphic design, but his true passions were billiards and rocketry. He played pool for close to 60 years and was a long-standing member of a local team. He also spent many hours designing and fabricating his own rockets. Many of his rockets drew a crowd at the launches and earned him the nickname “Scary Gary.” He was a cool car junkie, a *Jeopardy!* aficionado, a stamp guru, a Mr. Fix-It Rube Goldberg genius, and a high-flying rocket man. Gary was all of those things and more to many people. To his family, he was a willing ear, a problem solver, our compass, and our sounding board. We were blessed to have him in our lives. He made us all better people.

*Quilt square artwork was a design by Gary Cockrum and was submitted by Laurel Cockrum. The square was completed by Debbie Mosley & Dorian Hill.*

*Quilt 18, Block 16*



HONORING  
**MONA CONLEY**  
TURNER, OREGON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
MAY 21, 1944—FEBRUARY 9, 2015

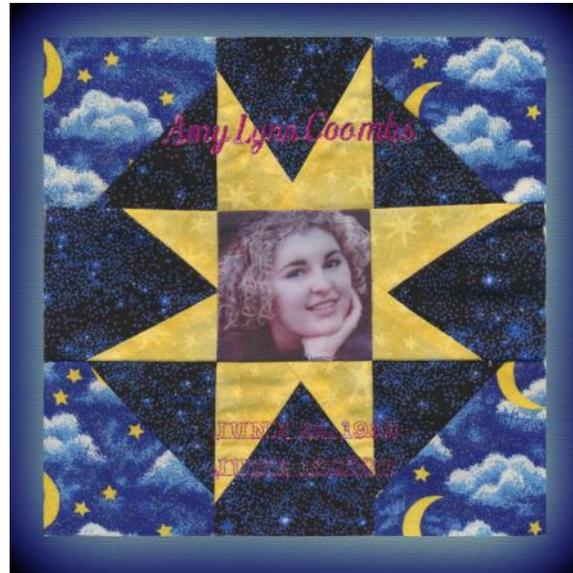


*Quilt square designed and  
submitted by Laura Conley and Julie  
Robinson*

*Quilt 18, Block G8*



HONORING  
**AMY COOMBS**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR  
JUNE 22, 1982—JUNE 18, 2000



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Mary Sisson and Terry Hegerle.*

*Quilt 18, Block D8*

CELEBRATING  
**WESLEY COUNTS**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
LIVING KIDNEY RECIPIENT  
1996 AND 2014

**W**esley has received two kidney transplants. The first, at age 27, in 1996, he received from his father, Michael. In 2003, Wesley was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and had nearly a year of chemotherapy. In 2014, he received a second kidney from his sister, RaNae.

Wesley has been an inspiration to all who know him for his courage and determination to be independent following major setbacks in his life and to start again. When he hoped to join the military after high school, his medical exam showed he had a kidney disease, which excluded him from service. He next earned a degree to install heating and air conditioning units. The exposure to molds and extreme heat forced him to quit and be on dialysis until his first kidney transplant. After that, he worked in apartment maintenance for several years until his diagnosis of cancer. He was very weak after that, but as soon as possible, he earned a degree as a pharmacy tech.

As a kidney transplant recipient, health insurance coverage has always been a major concern, so Wesley went back to apartment maintenance, where insurance was provided. He continued to work there throughout two years of dialysis after his first kidney transplant rejected. He was very weak and weighed 110 pounds. His sister, RaNae, donated his second kidney, and he has recovered well. He has been persistent in his goals, never giving up!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Michael and Alice Counts.*

*Quilt 18, Block A8*

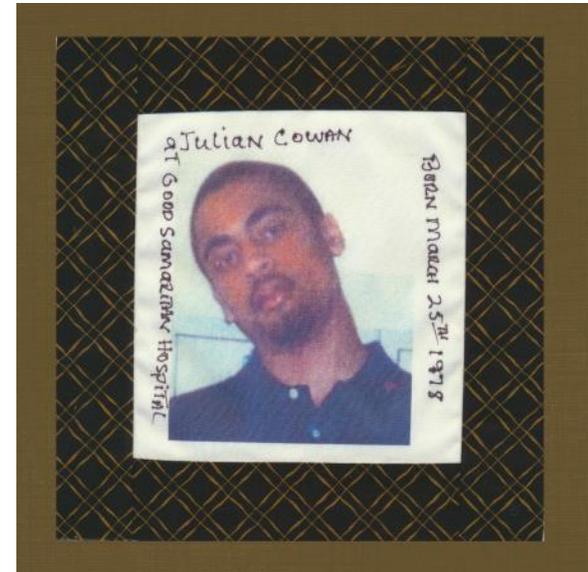


CELEBRATING  
**JULIAN COWAN**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
KIDNEY RECIPIENT

**J**ulian was born March 25, 1978 at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was a beautiful, healthy baby, born to Julius and Shirley Cowan. People were amazed at his long, curly hair. He was 16 years old when he had his transplant.

*Quilt square was designed and submitted by Shirley Cowan.*

*Quilt 18, Block A4*



# CELEBRATING DONOR FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL



The mission of the Donor Family Advisory Committee is to provide a unified voice for donor families who share their experiences of donation to improve the process and increase awareness of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

*Pictured: Leslie Coefield, DFAC member*

*Quilt square was designed and submitted by  
Balinda Olive-Beltran.*

*Quilt 18, Block H8*



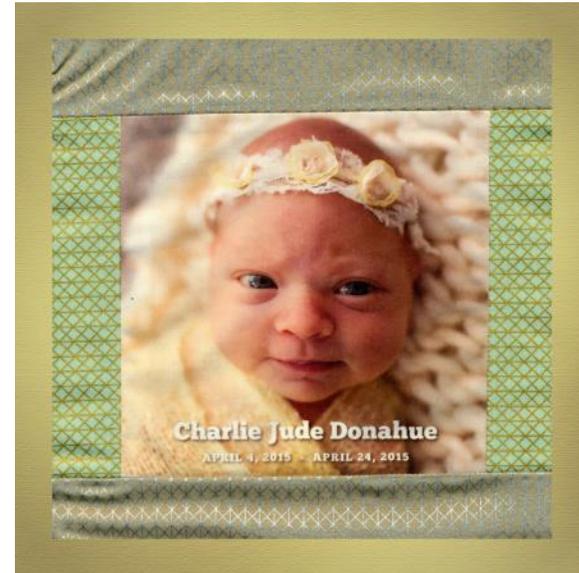
HONORING  
**MISS CHARLIE DONAHUE**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
DONOR  
APRIL 4, 2015—APRIL 24, 2015

**C**harlie Jude Donahue was a beautiful baby girl who has left a mark on the hearts of many. During her brief stay with us, Charlie earned the nickname “Bright Eyes” and brought smiles to all who met her. She loved being held in her mother’s arms more than anything else.

Having Charlie in our life was the greatest gift of all. We never knew true love until the moment we met her. After months of prepping, hours of labor, and only minutes of pushing, she finally arrived. Holding her mere moments after birth, she gripped our fingers tightly, and we were so proud that she was our daughter.

We will never forget our first restless night, where we changed her diaper and called her Bright Eyes or our teary final hours in the hospital, when we played the song from the first dance at our wedding. Every moment spent with her will remain with us for a lifetime.

After a brief struggle with meningitis, Charlie died at Portland’s Randall Children’s Hospital. Just 20 days after being born, she passed away in the loving arms of her parents on April 24, 2015. Losing Charlie has been the most painful experience we’ve ever endured, but we would do it all over again just to see her once more.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Holly & Jake Donahue.  
Quilt 18, Block F4*



CELEBRATING  
**KATHY DUARTE**  
ROSEBURG, OREGON  
KIDNEY RECIPIENT  
1982, 1984, 1988, AND 1997

In 1980, at age 28, Kathy was diagnosed with renal kidney failure. In 1982, she had her first kidney transplant, which did not take. In approximately 1984, she received a second transplant which lasted two and a half years. In 1988, a third transplant was done, and this kidney survived for about six years. Then on May 19, 1997, a fourth transplant was done, and this one has been going strong ever since.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Gail Hanson.*

*Quilt 18, Block G7*



HONORING  
**STEVEN FAIRCHILD**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
CORNEA & TISSUE DONOR  
DECEMBER 28, 2014

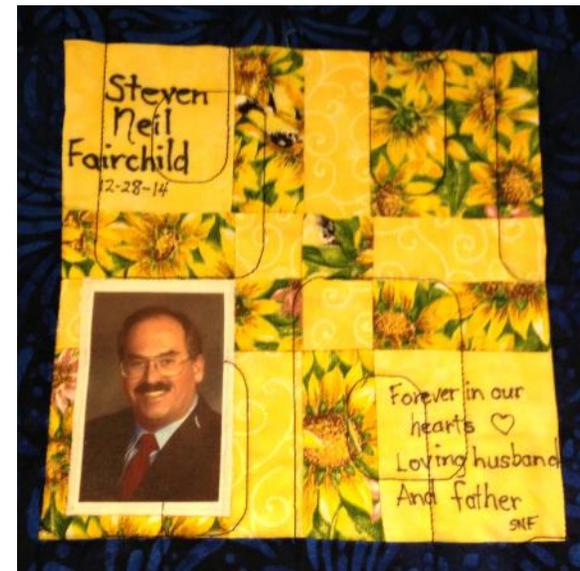
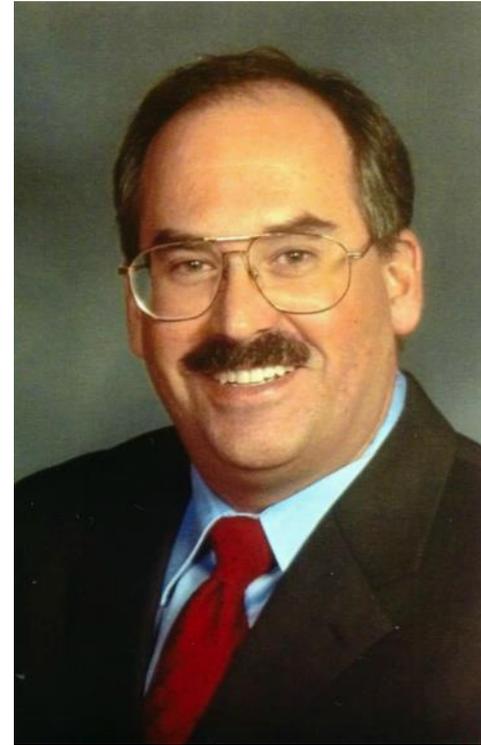
**S**teven Neil Fairchild was a loving husband and father. Steve was a kind-hearted man who loved to cook and bake in his free time. You would often find him cheering on his favorite football team. (Go Seahawks!) A little hobby of his was to play the lotto. His favorite were scratch-its because he could complete it with a loved one.

Steve was very active growing up in his family. He enjoyed playing baseball and football. After high school, he attended the University of Puget Sound, where he continued to play both of the sports he loved.

There was never a dull moment with Steve; he was always joking around, making you laugh with either his fabulous dance moves or wet willies. As a born and raised Catholic, he remained an active volunteer in the church, always going out of his way to help others. With this donation, his spirit lives on for those who see through the eyes of happiness and humility.

*Quilt square designed and submitted  
by Marta Fairchild.*

*Quilt 18, Block A1*



HONORING  
**GREG FALLEUR**  
EUGENE, OREGON  
DONOR  
JUNE 23, 2015

**G**regg was born in Astoria, OR, on January 20, 1958, the youngest of four children born to Armand and Garda Falleur. He lost both his parents to cancer when he was still in high school, and later one of his sisters and an older brother.

He had a charming smile and way about him that endeared him to his older siblings and friends. He had friends that lasted from his early school years throughout his life. He excelled in sports in school and was a **diehard** Oregon Ducks and Minnesota Vikings fan. He has a daughter who now attends the University of Oregon. He followed his brother to Eugene after high school and attended Lane Community College. He worked for True Value Hardware in their warehouse in Springfield for 15 years. He was married to Donna Harris in 2006 and was a great friend and stepfather to her 3 children.

Gregg loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, hiking and playing golf. He loved country music and attending football, basketball and baseball games. He easily related to others and chose to see the good in people.

He died of a cancerous brain tumor on June 23, 2015. He is sorely missed by his family and friends. They can all still hear him saying: Go Ducks!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Donna Falleur.*

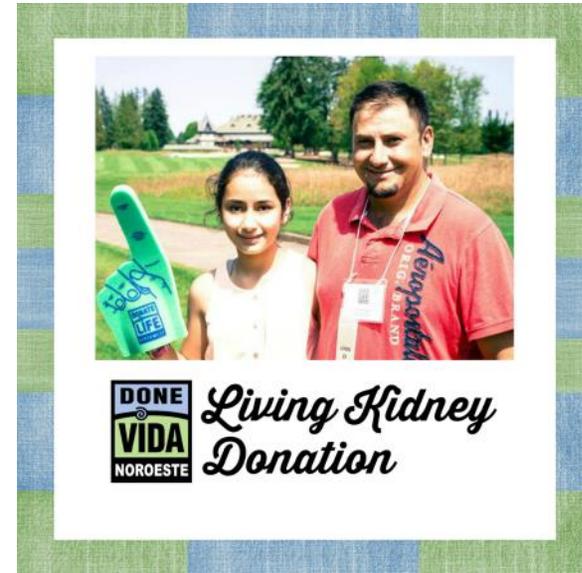
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CELEBRATING  
**JAIME FLORES**  
MCMINNVILLE, OREGON  
LIVING KIDNEY DONOR  
FEBRUARY 20, 1998

**J**aime's brother, Ramon, spent two years on dialysis before Jaime learned that he might be able to donate a kidney to save his brother's life. In Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1998, even the doctors weren't quite sure that the surgery would be a success. But Jaime believed he had to try, and he did. 18 years later, Ramon is living a strong, healthy life with his brother's kidney. Jaime, his wife and three children, live here in Oregon, where they are active volunteers and advocates for Donate Life Northwest, participating faithfully in the golf tournament and Lifesavers Breakfast, as well as helping with the *Cadena de Vida* (Gift of Life) event in McMinnville.

*Quilt 18, Block D2*



HONORING  
**ANITA GEBAUER-KENTNESSE**  
CORVALLIS, OREGON  
ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR  
OCTOBER 11, 1969—MAY 29, 2015

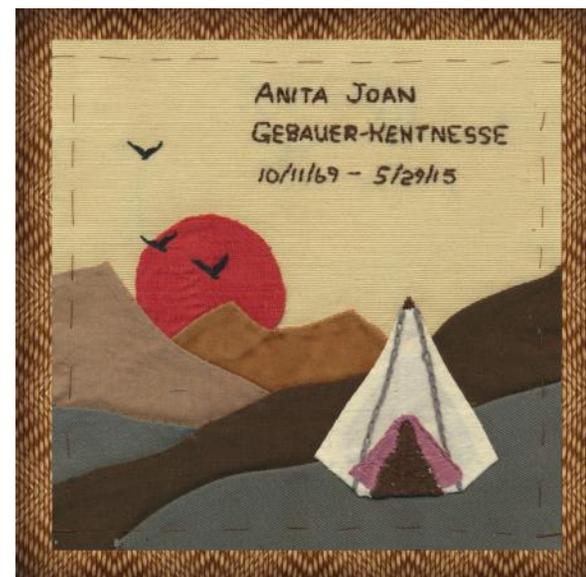
**W**hen our daughter, Anita, died so suddenly, there was no time to say good-bye. Her death left a void that will never be filled. But life does go on, and my husband and I take comfort that she left us with so many happy memories.

Anita loved working with people. Some of her most rewarding years were when she worked as a guide and instructor with Outward Bound. This organization emphasizes building up the self-confidence and physical skills of teens and adults so they are better able to deal with life and its problems. A few years ago, Anita made my husband and me a wonderful album filled with photos of her “kids” and the magnificent scenery in which she worked. It is where I got my inspiration for her quilt square. On the inside of the album cover, Anita wrote two inscriptions which have stayed with me. She said, “Its been a challenging and awesome life so far.” She also found a quote somewhere that said, “A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are made for.” Anita lived her life by that quote and accomplished more in her forty-five years than most people do in a lifetime.

She was a ray of sunshine to all who knew her. Anita had the ability to take life by the horns and embrace it joyfully. This is her lasting legacy. God speed, Anita.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Elvera Gebauer.*

*Quilt 18, Block A3*

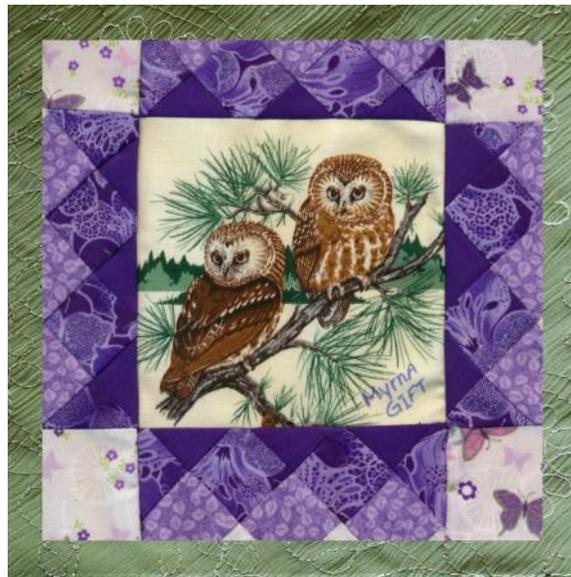


HONORING  
**MYRNA GIFT**  
COOS BAY, OREGON  
TISSUE DONOR  
MAY 12, 2015

**M**yrna was a wonderful, Christian lady. She raised her six children and many more. Her motto was, "There is always room for one more." Myrna loved the color purple and collected owls. She loved singing in the ladies' choir at church. Myrna made and donated many afghans.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sherri Knowlton.*

*Quilt 18, Block E6*



CELEBRATING  
**DOLORES GOLDEN**  
FOR DONATING A KIDNEY TO HER SON,  
**LEE GOLDEN, JR.**  
AUGUST 15, 2000

In August of 2000, Dolores donated a kidney to her son, Lee. She rebounded from the surgery quickly and was back to work within a month. She has had no medical problems related to the donation and continues to live an active life, which includes traveling around the world. Lee feels very fortunate for his Mom's gift!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Lee Golden, Jr.*

*Quilt 18, Block D4*



*Golden Family at 2015 Tabor Trot*

HONORING  
**JOHN HANENKRAT**  
TILLAMOOK, OREGON  
TISSUE AND CORNEA DONOR  
NOVEMBER 8, 1941—MAY 29, 2015

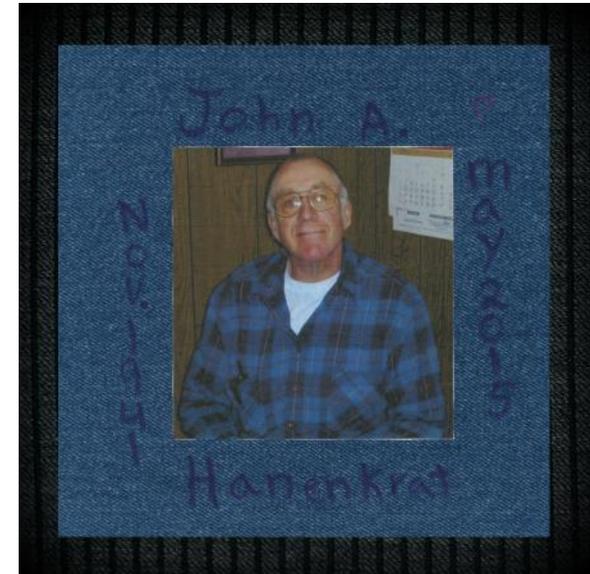
**J**ohn Andrew Hanenkrat was born November 8, 1941 in Tillamook, Oregon. He passed away on May 29, 2015 at the family farm in Tillamook, where he had grown up.

John was a hard-working man who enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his family – his children, Johnny and Judy, and his grandchildren, Jordan, Josi, and Bronx.

John was the most selfless person you would ever know! He was always willing to help anyone with anything needed!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Judy Hanenkrat  
and granddaughter, Josi.*

*Quilt 18, Block C1*



HONORING  
**SAMANTHA & KATIE**  
FOR DONATING A HEART/HEART & KIDNEY TO  
**TRACY HOYLE**  
APRIL 12, 2000 AND OCTOBER 21, 2012

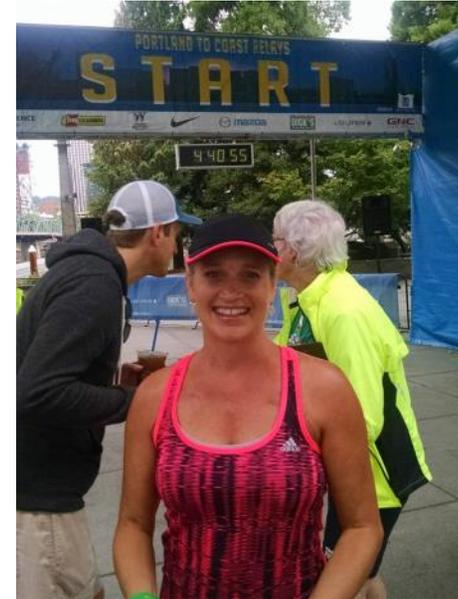
**O**n April 12, 2000, Tracy received a heart transplant from her angel, Samantha. This gift allowed Tracy to give birth to her amazing son and watch him grow into a young man.

Twelve and a half years after her first transplant, Tracy was in need of another heart transplant, as well as a kidney. On October 21, 2012, another angel named Katie donated her heart and kidney.

Since this second transplant, Tracy has completed two half marathons, multiple 5K and 10K races, as well as two Portland to Coast relay races. Tracy now has two angels looking after her.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Tracy Hoyle.*

*Quilt 18, Block D6*



HONORING  
**DANIEL INDRA**  
MONMOUTH, OREGON  
ORGAN DONOR  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

On September 22, 2014, Daniel Henry Indra donated two kidneys, a liver, and a heart. He was eight years old. His mother, Alissa, has always been a proponent of organ donation. Since she was fifteen, she has been listed as a donor. But when she was faced with the potential loss of her son, she realized she had never considered that he might die and whether or not he should be a donor.

Daniel was excited that Saturday. He was going to spend the day helping his grandpa fix a hole on the second floor of his barn. Daniel loved Legos and loved to build. But this afternoon, as he helped his grandpa, a bee flew in and scared Daniel. He fell through the hole – 18 feet – and had major head trauma. He was life-flighted to the hospital, but the doctor regrettably told Alissa that there was nothing they could do to save Daniel. And in that moment, realizing that she had never considered that her child might die, she knew what she wanted. She told the doctors she wanted Daniel to save someone else.

Today, Alissa says, “We were able to give his heart, his liver, and two kidneys. Daniel saved four people. It has been one of the saving graces that my husband and I have – knowing that our son is still alive in four people. My son may not be here next to me, but I prevented another family from going through the same grief and pain I am going through.”

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Alissa Indra.*

*Quilt 18, Block A5*



HONORING  
**MICHELLE KELL**  
ASHLAND, OREGON  
DONOR  
MARCH 11, 2015

**M**ichelle Kell had a beautiful smile that lit her from within. Unfortunately, she was stricken with diabetes at the age of 8. Michelle met and married Jon Kell, a medical technician at OHSU. She worked in the pharmacy. They later moved to Ashland and worked in the hospital together. Michelle chose not to have children because of her diabetes, but wished to donate her body to science in hopes of finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Cooking was her pleasure. She was a gourmet cook and had many wonderful parties with her sister, Connie. She loved animals, especially her fluffy cat, Little Bit. And she loved the ocean. One of her favorite trips was to Bandon each year with all of her good friends.

We have lots of great memories of good times with Michelle; we will cherish these moments through photos and fond memories.

Michelle had many loyal friends and family who will remember her and her bright smile.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Joanne Buckles.*

*Quilt 18, Block H5*

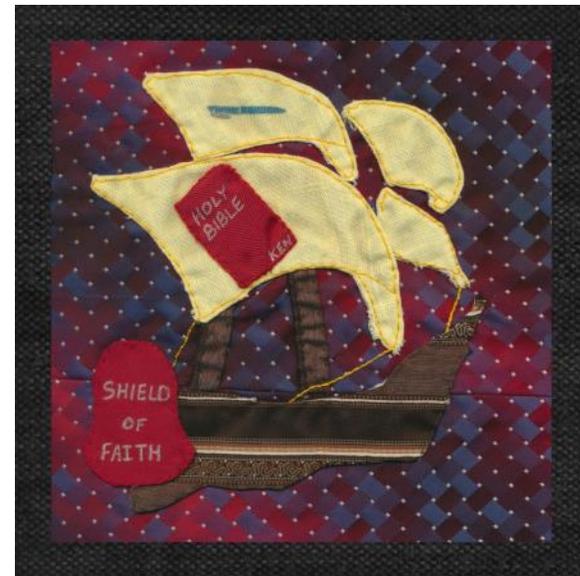
HONORING  
**KENNETH KNOWLTON**  
COOS BAY, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
AUGUST 9, 2000

Kenneth was a terrific Christian man. He was liked by all who met him. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

This quilt square is made from some of the ties in his tie collection. The Bible represents his faith in God. The fountain pen represents his pen collection. Lastly, Ken loved and collected ships.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sherri Knowlton.*

*Quilt 18, Block H4*



HONORING  
**ERIC LEE**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
TISSUE AND CORNEA DONOR  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1960—JANUARY 10, 2015

**E**ric Rygh Lee and his twin sister, Glenna, were born in Portland, Oregon, on September 1, 1960. Their little brother, Kermit Rygh Lee, was born on August 12, 1963. Eric was full of life and laughter. He loved animals and had three raccoons as pets. At Jackson High School in Portland, Eric excelled in track and cross country. He loved to write and was a voracious reader.

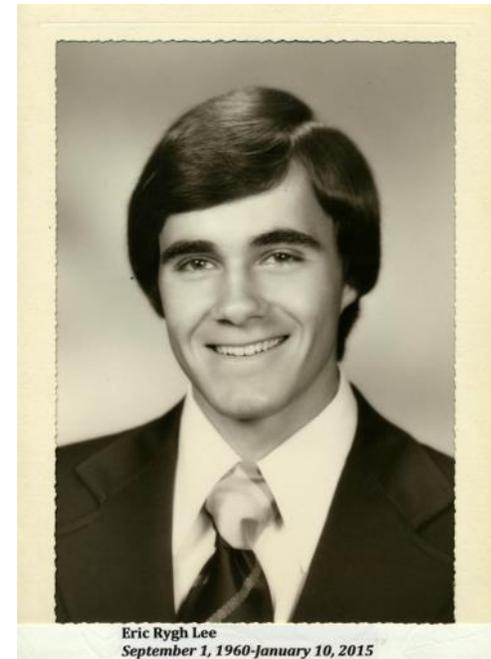
Eric attended the University of Oregon and Whitman College. He worked for the Oregonian for many years and was a cherished employee there. A resounding theme at his memorial was that he would drop anything he was doing to go and help a friend. He made people feel important.

Eric died suddenly of a stroke in January 2015. His life was full in the richness of friends and loved ones. His donor gifts are an extension of himself and his generosity in giving hope to others.

This quilt square began in 1983 in Long Creek, South Carolina. I (his sister, Glenna) had taken a bus from Oregon to work on the Chattooga River as a guide after college. I enjoyed creating small cross-stitch patterns and had stitched this one, putting it away and not knowing what I would use it for in the future. As the months have gone by, I thought about the quilt square. It has five hearts, which is symbolic of our five family members, four of whom have passed on. In 1983, I had no idea that in sewing those hearts, I was creating something that would help my heart heal.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Glenna Lee Alderson.*

*Quilt 18, Block F3*



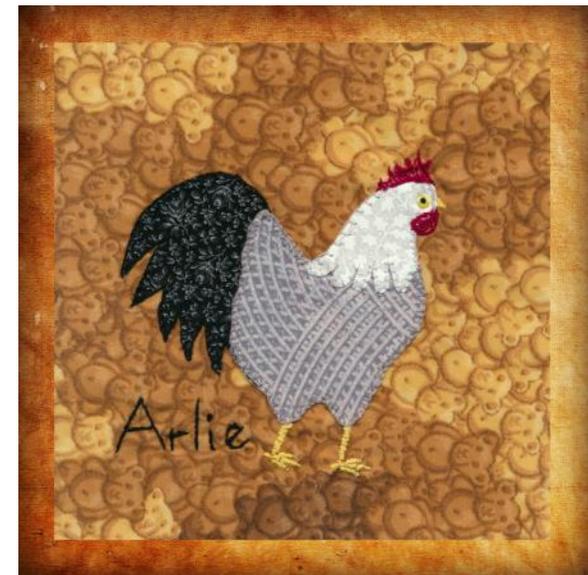
HONORING  
**ARLIE MARTIN**  
DAMASCUS, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
JUNE 6, 2008

**A**rlie loved chickens. It all started when he was about ten. He brought home three chicks from a science project at school – supposedly all hens. Two were hens, but Fred was definitely not. He was a wild, aggressive leghorn rooster, and nobody liked him much, but he became Arlie’s most beloved pet. Arlie walked Fred around the neighborhood like other boys walked their dogs. They were even on TV on “Ray Sommers at Large” – a boy and his rooster.

By high school, Arlie had more than a hundred chickens. He sold their eggs and took his birds to the county fair. He acquired an incubator so that he could hatch more exotic breeds. People brought him crippled chickens and birds they were no longer able to care for, and his menagerie grew. Though they were wild, the chickens accepted Arlie without fear, following him around the yard. The babies perched on his head and shoulders. When a predator got into his henhouse, Arlie stayed up all night and shot the weasel.

At school, Arlie was dubbed, “Chicken Boy” and was the object of much teasing. His brother jumped on the bandwagon and created a series of “Chicken Boy” cartoons.

Eventually, the chickens were replaced by cars, motorcycles, a job, wife, and children, but our family has tender memories of Arlie and his birds. He loved them and learned to be kind and responsible by caring for them.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Priscilla Martin.*

*Quilt 18, Block F7*

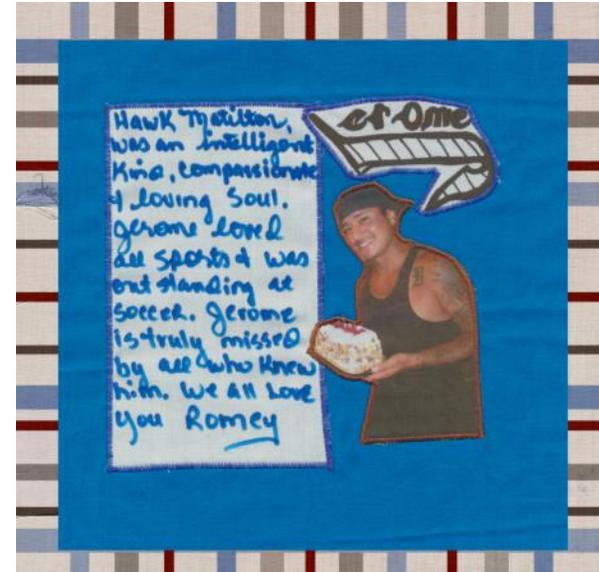
HONORING  
JEROME "HAWK" MATILTON  
SAINT HELENS, OREGON  
ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONOR  
JULY 1, 2015

Jerome was loved by all and had a beautiful, loving soul. He was an intelligent, kind, compassionate, and loving person. He loved sports and was outstanding in soccer. When he smiled, the whole room lit up. He was also a tribal member of the Yurok tribe.

Upon his death, Jerome was able to save and enhance lives by donating his heart, kidneys, and liver, as well as bone, tissue, and his corneas.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Gloria Bueno.*

*Quilt 18, Block C7*



HONORING  
**CHERYL MAYES**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
KIDNEY RECIPIENT  
MARCH 2005

During her life, Cheryl experienced many medical problems. She got pregnant with her first child at age 16 and gave birth to a baby girl, Chevelle, on July 30, 1975. On April 19, 1979, she gave birth to her son, Andre. Sadly, Andre passed away as a young man. This loss affected Cheryl very deeply.

Cheryl was diagnosed with kidney failure and was treated with dialysis for 16 years before her doctor encouraged her to go on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. Cheryl took his advice, and thankfully, her wait was short. I (her mother, Sarah Vanarsdale), prayed and asked God for a kidney for my daughter. Shortly after, I had a dream in which I saw my daughter on the operating table, and the doctor said that the kidney was a perfect match. The next day, I told her about the dream and she agreed, "It will happen!" Cheryl told me that she had heard a very clear voice telling her that she would get a kidney, but have to stay in the hospital for a while. In March 2005, Cheryl received a call: "We have good news for you. We have a kidney, and it is a perfect match." Cheryl was discharged 29 days after her transplant.

In the picture on her quilt square, Cheryl is holding her first grandson, Justin. When Cheryl got the call for her kidney, Justin was only 10 months old, but she told him, "I received good news today. I am getting a kidney." Justin smiled and clapped his hands. Cheryl began to cry and thanked God for the gift.

Cheryl was a very happy, positive person with a very infectious smile. She loved her family very much, and we love and miss her very much!



*Designed and submitted by  
Sarah Vanarsdale.*

*Quilt 18, Block A2*

CELEBRATING  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
WHO RECEIVED A DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT FROM  
**RACHEL GIVENS**  
OCTOBER 8, 2013

**R**achel saved five people's lives — including mine! She was honored on the 2015 Donate Life float in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena. She was, and forever will be, 23. Her favorite number, which is on her square, was 32. She was an athlete, a teacher, and a hero.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by recipient, Linda Merritt.*

*Quilt 18, Block E8*



CELEBRATING  
**MARK MILES**  
GRESHAM, OREGON  
KIDNEY/PANCREAS RECIPIENT  
JUNE 2, 2007

In June, Mark will celebrate the ninth anniversary of his dual-organ, kidney-pancreas transplant at OHSU. After 37 years as a Type I diabetic, this transplant changed his life for the better. The donor and their family remain anonymous.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Mark Miles.*

*Quilt 18, Block C4*



HONORING  
**PATRICK MITCHELTREE**  
WOODBURN, OREGON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
APRIL 4, 1976—DECEMBER 4, 2015

**P**atrick was a warm and kind man. He was an artist and photographer. He was smart and loved books and music. He was wonderful with his nieces and nephews. He was well-loved by all of his family and friends. We believe he is with God, and he is truly missed by those who are left behind.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sally Holstad.*

*Quilt 18, Block G5*



CELEBRATING  
**LORI MOYER**  
FOR DONATING A KIDNEY TO  
**HELEN LYNN**  
OCTOBER 20, 2015

Lori Moyer of Healy, Alaska, graciously donated one of her kidneys to my four-year-old daughter, Helen Lynn of Medford, Oregon. Lori and I used to work together in Alaska 12 years ago, but only in passing, I on the train, and Lori based in Talkeetna. Almost total strangers, we share a very special mutual friend who reunited us when my daughter needed a new kidney due to an E. coli/HUS infection she got September 2013. Lori gave us the most amazing gift. Not only is Helen thriving, but her baby sister and parents are enjoying an easier life not filled with stress and consumed by dialysis. Both Helen and Lori love mermaids, so their two quilt squares (Helen's mermaid with blonde hair and Lori's with brown hair) are in honor of two of the most amazing and inspirational spirits I know! Thank you, Lori!



*Quilt squares designed and submitted by Lauren Lynn and Kelly Reid.*

*Quilt 18, Blocks I2 and I3*

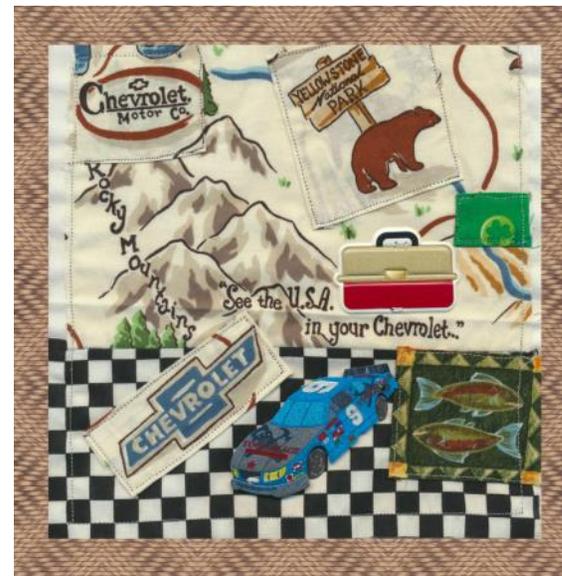
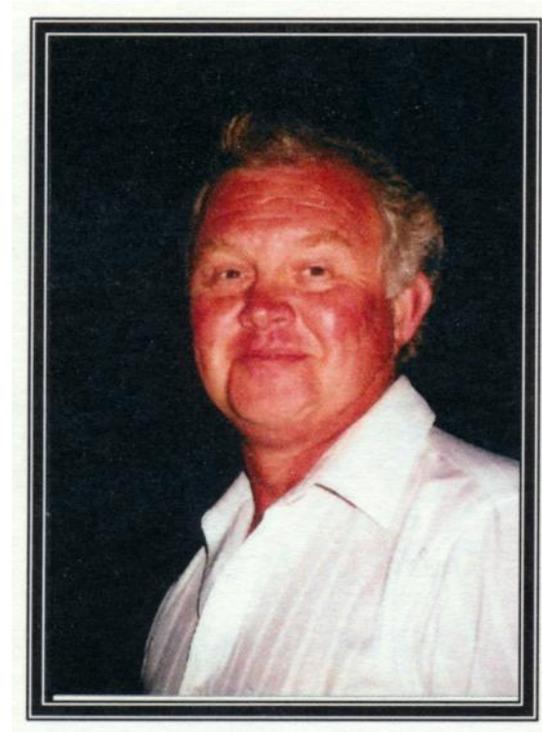
HONORING  
**MILTON MUNSON**  
MIDLAND, OREGON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
DECEMBER 12, 2014

**M**ilton was born in North Dakota and raised in Montana. He had a gruff exterior but a heart of pure gold. If he liked you, you knew it. If he did not, you knew that, too. A friend said you never had to wonder what he was thinking for very long, because he told you!

Milton liked stock car racing as a participant. He was a mechanic until ill health forced him to quit. He enjoyed bass fishing, and one of his wishes was to be able to go back to Alaska and fish with his grandchildren at a small lake near their home. This was not to be.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Milton's wife, Darlene, along with his daughters and granddaughters.*

*Quilt 18, Block F8*



HONORING  
**JANE NORRIS**  
MEDFORD, OREGON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
OCTOBER 26, 2015

**J**ane was a loving wife, mother, and sister, who enjoyed her family, her faith, and many friendships.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Elena and Sadie Norris.*

*Quilt 18, Block 14*



HONORING  
**ALEXANDER OLENSLAGER**  
OREGON CITY, OREGON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
DECEMBER 10, 2014

**A**lex was 22 years old and a loving father of a 5-year-old. He was a good husband, son, and grandson. Alex was loved by everyone and is still missed daily. The flowered trim on his quilt square is from the trim of the dress his daughter was to wear to their first daddy-daughter dance; he was not here for it.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Cassandra Olenlager.*

*Quilt 18, Block C8*



HONORING  
**BOBBY OLIVE, SR.**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
OREGON'S FIRST HEART DONOR  
DECEMBER 4, 1985

**B**obby (aka “Bobo”) was a very caring and loving person. Bobby loved his family so much. He was a protector and provider, who wanted to make sure everyone was alright. If it was not alright, he wanted to know how to make things better. Bobby had so many talents. He was a gifted person. Bobby stood between 6’4” and 6’5” and was muscle-bound. There was no fat anywhere on his body. He loved his blue jeans and a crisp, starched shirt, and a belt.

Bobby was a great father to his three girls: Tamisha, Shannon, and Malieka. He always wanted a son, and he did not know that Anita was pregnant with his only son when he passed away. Bobby, Jr. was born in May of 1986 – a son Bobo was never able to hold, kiss, or play with. And now, Bobby Jr.’s fiancée is pregnant with Bobby III. Bobby Jr. will be able to do everything his father was not able to do. What a blessing! Bobby lives on.

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

*Quilt 18, Block B6*



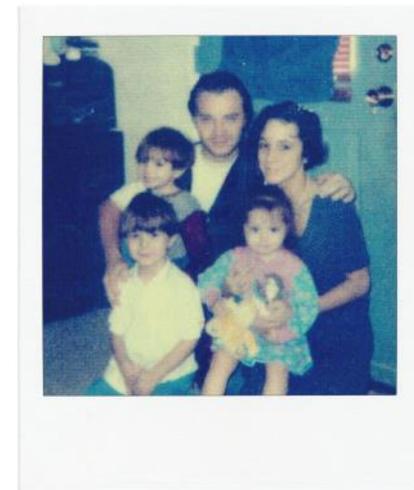
HONORING  
**BRYAN OLSON**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
DONOR  
JANUARY 4, 2015

**B**ryan (or Bosdrum) was a DJ for over 25 years and was known around the world for multiple types of music. Personally, Bryan raised three children and was married for three months shy of 20 years. My husband was an amazing man. He even saved a man out of a burning house and was given the Portland Fire and Rescue's only Medal of Honor in 2007.

Bryan was fun, outgoing, giving, and loving. He is missed.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Jeanette Olson.*

*Quilt 18, Block F2*



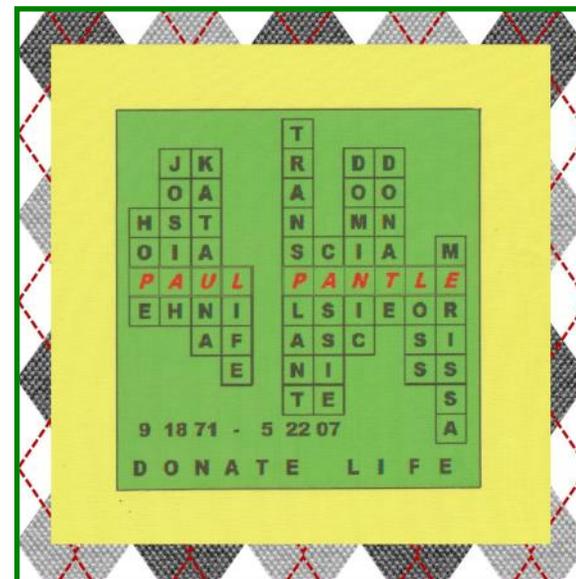
HONORING  
**PAUL PANTLE**  
SPRINGFIELD, OREGON  
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR  
MAY 22, 2007

**M**y husband, Paul, died in May of 2007, but in his death, he was able to give several other people a better chance for a healthier quality of life. What attracted me to Paul was his laughter and his need to try to do whatever he could to meet the needs of his family and friends in whatever capacity he could. His five children meant the world to him, and even though there were some tough times in his life, the last few years were spent making as many great memories with them as he could. We were only together for five years, but in that five years, he gave me so many great times and memories. All I ever had to say was that I had not done something or tried something, and the next thing I knew, he was making it happen.

Paul and I had discussions about organ donation and compared drivers' licenses to make sure that we were both signed up. Organ donation is something that I have always advocated, but you do not realize how important it really is until it is right in your face. I would not want anyone to go through the loss that his family and I have been through, but after the grief settles a bit, you start to realize what his organ donations did for several other families. Families that were also grieving for different reasons. This was a comfort for me to realize that Paul, once again, made this happen.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Dawn Pantle.*

*Quilt 18, Block 15*



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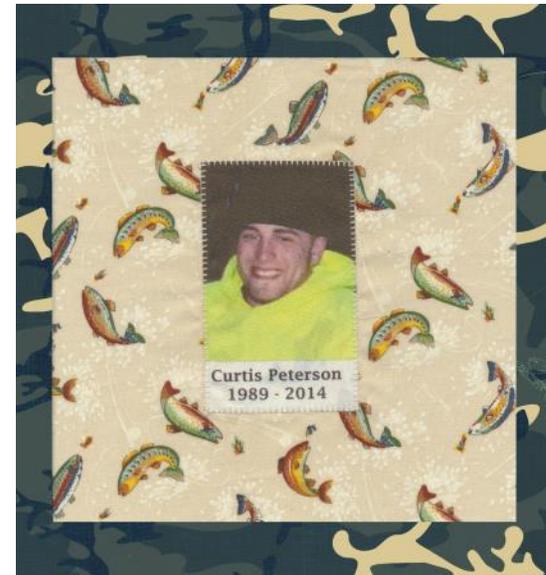
*Quilt 18, Block 17*

HONORING  
**CURTIS PETERSON**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR  
MARCH 26, 2014

**C**urtis loved the outdoors. He loved to fish, hunt, and ride motorcycles. He loved family and was loved by so many. He worked in construction and had been registered as a donor since he got his license at 16 years old.

*Quilt square submitted by Vicki Peterson.*

*Quilt 18, Block C5*



HONORING  
PASQUALE “PAT” PETISCE  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
CORNEA DONOR  
MAY 2012

Pat served in the US Army from 1963 to 1965 and the Army National Guard from 1960 to 1963. His education was in architectural drafting and blueprint reading, but his passion for almost forty years was building from the ground up and seeing the blueprints as finished projects. As a supervisor and superintendent, he enjoyed teaching beginners new techniques as well as experienced construction workers.

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

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

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

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Diana Petisce.*

*Quilt 18, Block H1*

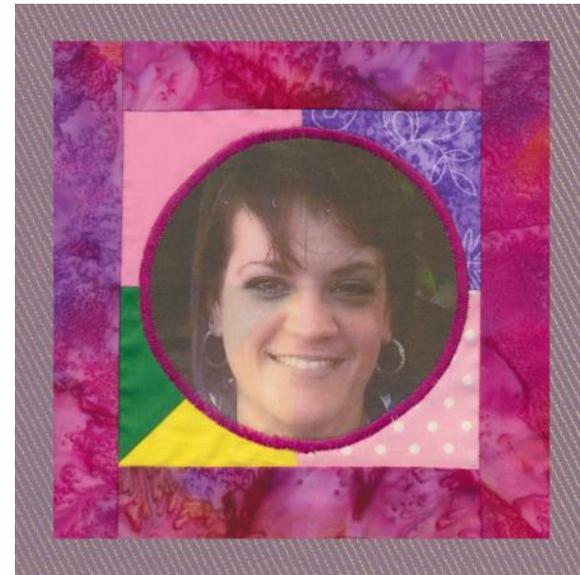


HONORING  
**MICHELLE PETROSS**  
AUMSVILLE, OREGON  
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR  
OCTOBER 17, 2015

**M**ichelle had a great sense of humor and was very funny. She loved to help people and was an extraordinary friend to all who knew her.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by: Troy, Cloe,  
Trenton, Nico, and Gloria Nichols.*

*Quilt 18, Block F6*



HONORING  
**DANIEL PHILLIPS**  
KIMBERLY, IDAHO  
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR  
OCTOBER 24, 2014

**D**aniel was a very loving and caring person. He was the second of six children in his family. He welcomed each new baby and would hold, love, and care for them. He was kind and took care of his siblings, and he loved babies and children, and older people, too. Later, he had one son of his own and loved him with all of his heart.

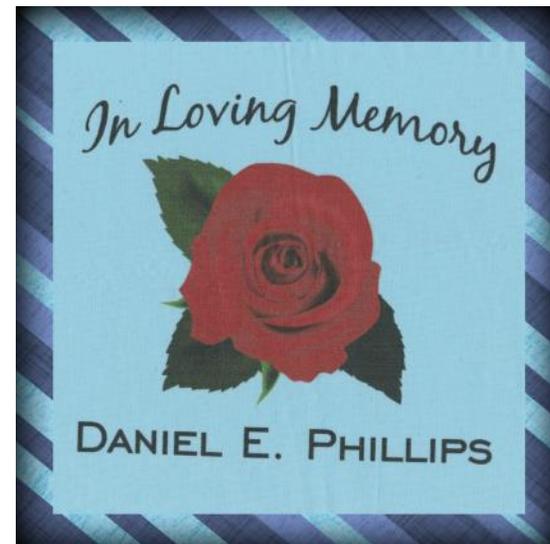
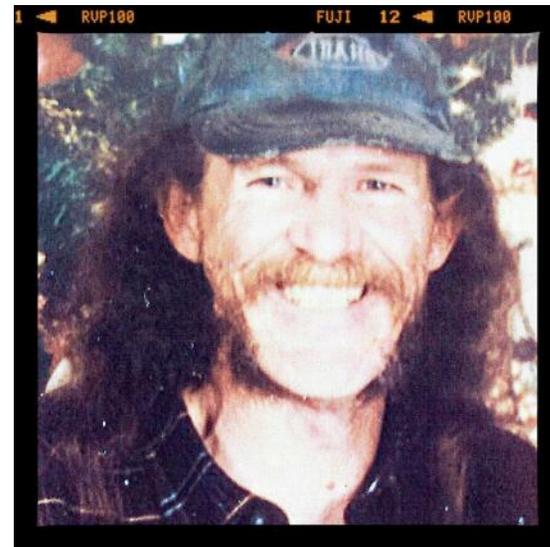
As a boy, Daniel loved to ride horses and go camping, and he took with him everyone who wanted to go. He took in people all of his life – old or young, it really did not matter. He gave of himself, his time, and his money. He always helped everyone that needed help of any kind and just wanted a batch of no-bake cookies as a thank you. He often let people stay at his house, giving them coats, food, and a bed, if they needed them.

Daniel was a carpet-layer by trade and went the extra mile by putting up curtains or doing projects for people who could not do for themselves.

We all loved Daniel so much. He always had a smile, and his eyes just glowed with love and kindness. We just do not know how we will make it without him. He is living on through the organs and tissues he donated. That has been a great comfort to us.

*Quilt squares designed and submitted by Norene Phillips.*

*Quilt 18, Block F5*



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

**M**ary Catherine Walsh Reid was born on the South Side of Chicago and moved to Oregon in 1969. She became an eye and tissue donor on September 15, 2013, and helped 22 people. She loved cross-stitch, quilting, and knitting. Her beautiful, handmade treasures were given to family and friends. She loved going out for lunch and shopping. She is missed daily by her husband Bob, daughter Kelly, and golden retriever Jade. She would be very happy to be helping others.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly Reid.*

*Quilt 18, Block B3*



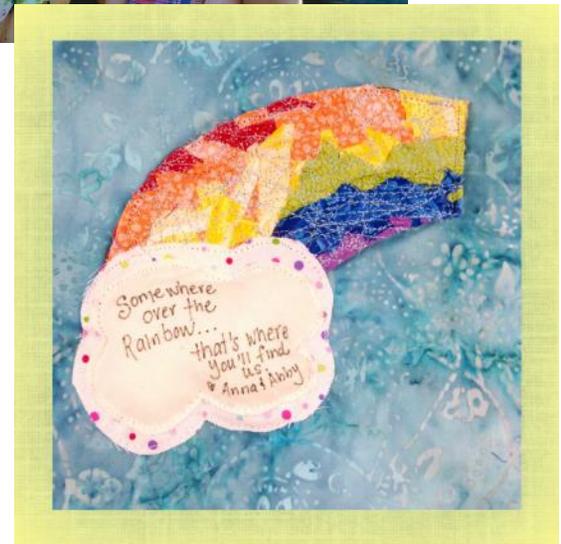
HONORING  
ABIGAIL "ABBY" ROBINSON  
FOREST GROVE, OREGON  
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR  
OCTOBER 23, 2013

This quilt square was designed by Savannah Monteith, Grace Malloy, and Susan Dieter-Robinson to honor Abby and her little sister, Anna Dieter-Eckerdt. Ever since Abby and Anna went to Heaven, their friends and community have become very connected to rainbows. When a rainbow covers the sky in their town of Forest Grove, it is not rare to hear people say, "Looks like Anna and Abby are making rainbows again."

*"As a mom, you want nothing more than for your children to have great friends who are there for your children no matter what life brings. My daughters have amazing friends and those friendships have transcended the distance between Heaven and earth. Savannah and Grace have become involved in sharing her donation story with their classmates and making sure that her story is one that inspires others to become a registered donor. I am a very proud mom of two girls in Heaven, and I adore their friends here on earth." ~ Susan Dieter-Robinson*

*"As a friend, Abby loved us unconditionally, encouraged us to try things out of our comfort zone, and always found a way to make us smile. She was never afraid to be herself, and her creative spirit still inspires us to be unique. The memories we have of laughing with Abby and watching her live life to the fullest, reminds us that even in a short time, we can make a lifelong difference in the lives of others. Remembering happy times playing games of hide-and-seek, crafting with duct tape, and 'hanging out' with Abby makes us feel her presence in our everyday life, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be her friend." ~ Savannah Monteith and Grace Malloy*

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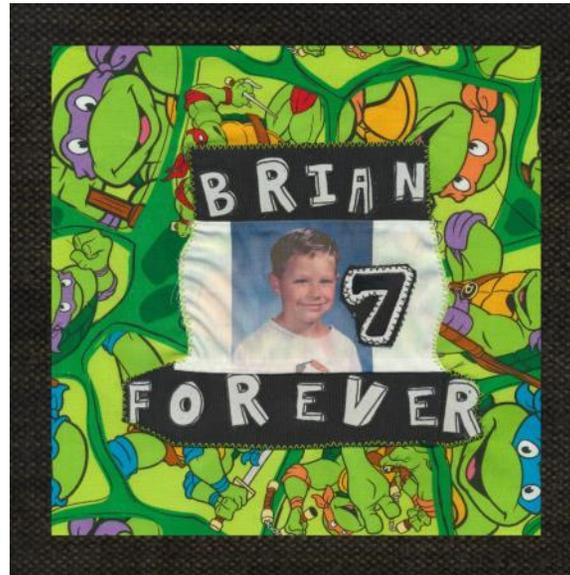


HONORING  
**BRIAN JACK ROBINSON**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
TISSUE AND CORNEA DONOR  
FEBRUARY 18, 1993

**B**rian was my sweet, handsome son, and my sunshine. He loved his family, his dog Sparkle, and baseball. Tragically, he died at the young age of seven. He is always in my heart.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Leslie Coefield.*

*Quilt 18, Block E2*

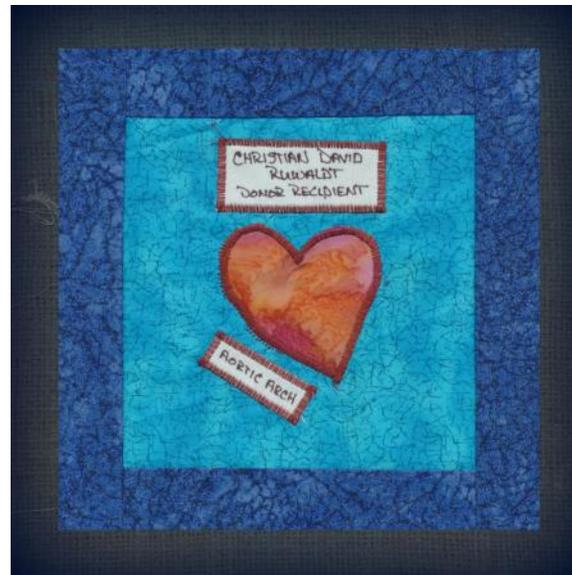


CELEBRATING  
**CHRISTIAN RUWALDT**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
TISSUE (AORTIC ARCH) RECIPIENT  
NOVEMBER 19, 2008

**C**hristian was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and Endocardial Fibroelastosis. Thanks to his transplant, he is now an active eight-year-old who is involved in flag football and martial arts.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Deni Watson  
and Nicole Ruwaldt.*

*Quilt 18, Block C6*



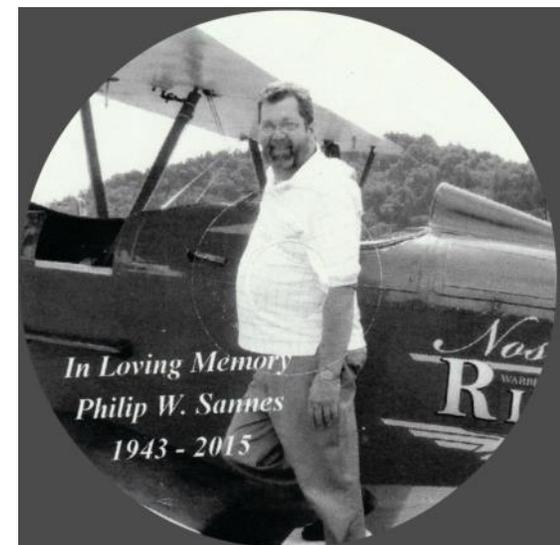
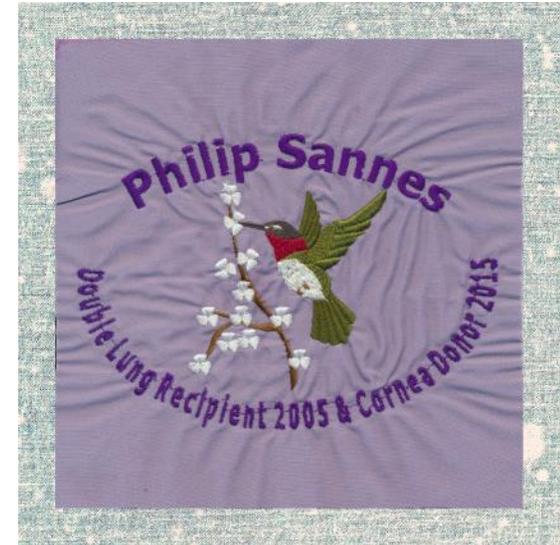
HONORING  
**PHILIP SANNES**  
COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON  
DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT ON JANUARY 14, 2005  
CORNEA DONOR ON JULY 14, 2015

**P**hilip loved gardening, hunting, fishing, and working with wood. He was involved in fundraisers, the community kitchen, and building ramps. He was a faithful servant for the Lord. He was one of the leaders for thriving projects for our community such as Christmas baskets to share in the community. He was involved, and he was loved.

This story about the hummingbird will tell what kind of man he was. We had a picnic table across from a hummingbird nest, and we kept an eye on it. One day, we missed the mama hummingbird and worried, we called our vet. She gave us the number of a hummingbird rescuer who told us to watch the nest for an hour and if the mother did not come back, she would come and get the babies. We watched it, and the mother did return. About three months later, Phil and I were sitting at the table, and the hummingbird kept flying up to his face. I said, "I think she wants you to follow her." He did, and she led him to one of the babies that had fallen out of the nest. The rescuer told us that hummingbirds will not abandon their babies and to put the baby back in the nest. Later, Phil was in the hospital, in hospice on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. It had been a weary night when I was sitting on the couch by a window. I felt something behind me and turned to see a hummingbird looking at Phil. I knew that God was going to rescue Phil and take him home to Heaven.

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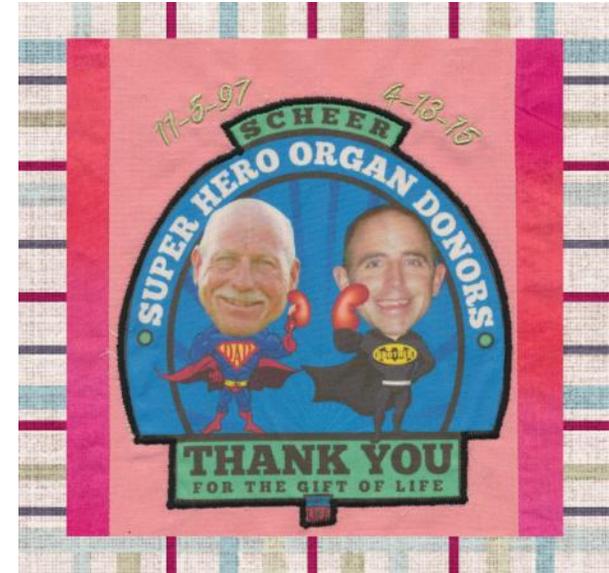


CELEBRATING  
**DANIEL AND JEFFREY SCHEER**  
FOR LIVING KIDNEY DONATIONS TO  
**LAURIE SCHEER**  
NOVEMBER 5, 1997 AND APRIL 13, 2015

**M**y family is one of a kind! We are so blessed to have the love, support, and strength from each other, and our constant faith in God. Life is a gift! Kidney failure is real! My family did not hesitate to be tested to save my life when my kidneys failed due to a virus when I was 20. I've seen first hand how humble both my dad (my first donor) and my brother (my second donor) are. Of course, superheroes do have their secret identities! The public does not see the scars, nor can they tell if they have one kidney or two. What people do see is two very healthy, active, hard-working, fun-loving people. Family men who are loving, generous, and courageous. They are life-saving heroes! I will continue to share my story to honor my dad and brother. They deserve it! God bless all other living and deceased donors who gave the gift of life!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Laurie Scheer.*

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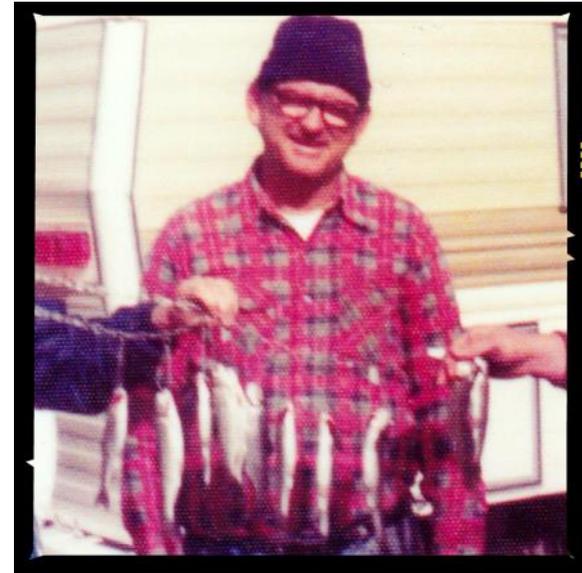


HONORING  
**CHARLES SCHUMACHER**  
SHADY GROVE, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
APRIL 13, 2006

Charles was a real “people person” and taught elementary school for over 25 years. Fishing and camping brought him great joy with all the interaction around him.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Oma Schumacher.*

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HONORING  
**JAMES SCRUGGS**  
TOLEDO, OREGON  
ORGAN, TISSUE & BONE MARROW DONOR  
JANUARY 28, 2005

**A**s the baby of the family and the only girl, it was easy for me (sister, Kodee Scruggs) to see my big brother as my tormentor and a nuisance to my presence, but he was also my protector and guardian. His prodding and teasing was his way of showing his love. With a five year age difference, our perceptions were unmatched. I watched him grow in our hometown, finding friends and family and support that would stick strongly beside him 'til the last moment at the hospital years later.

Even through our sibling bickering, I always looked up to James. I observed him throughout his life, admiring who he became as a person. I watched him succeed at things which he was most passionate about, motocross, hunting, girls, and his friends. I also saw him fail, only to rebuild himself stronger. I watched an amazing child grow into an amazing man. However, it was not until his death that I realized that all the years of observing this miraculous person, it was not just to his little sister that James was amazing, it was also to the people who James touched during his life. The memories that have been shared with me, the depth of care that people from our community have shown me, simply states that James was not only my big brother, he was and IS so much more – a child of the light, a guide in the dark, and an encouragement to the lost.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Debbie Boardman and Kodee Scruggs.*

*Quilt 18, Block G3*



CELEBRATING  
**REBECCA SIMON**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
TISSUE RECIPIENT  
2011 AND 2014

In 2011, Rebecca had salivary gland carcinoma, which required major reconstructive surgery to the inside of her right cheek. In 2014, Rebecca had breast cancer. This also required a major reconstructive surgery. Both of these surgeries were completed with tissues provided by generous donors!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Rebecca Simon.*

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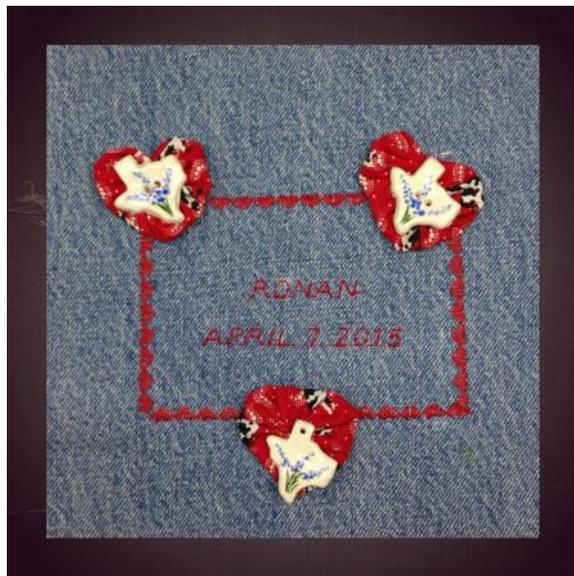


HONORING  
**RONAN SMITH**  
PALO PINTO, TEXAS  
HEART VALVE DONOR  
APRIL 7, 2015

**E**ven without taking a breath in this world, Ronan was filled with more life, love, and mischief than anybody else I have ever known. He was very funny. I miss laughing at his antics and reactions. Without stepping foot on earth, he was able to be a hero to many and loved by all who knew him.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Nicole Smith.*

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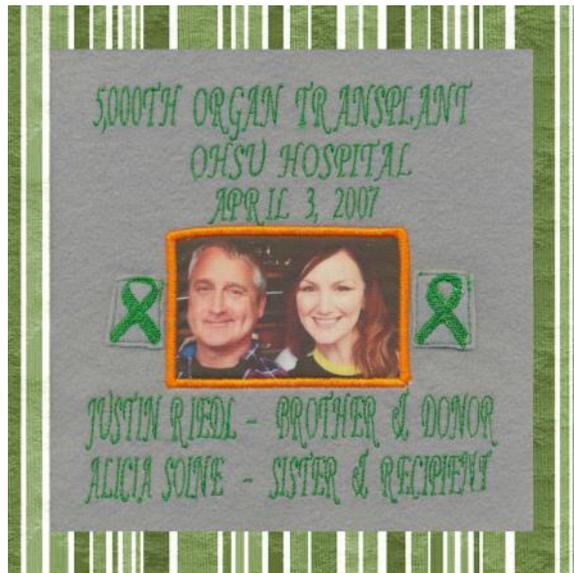
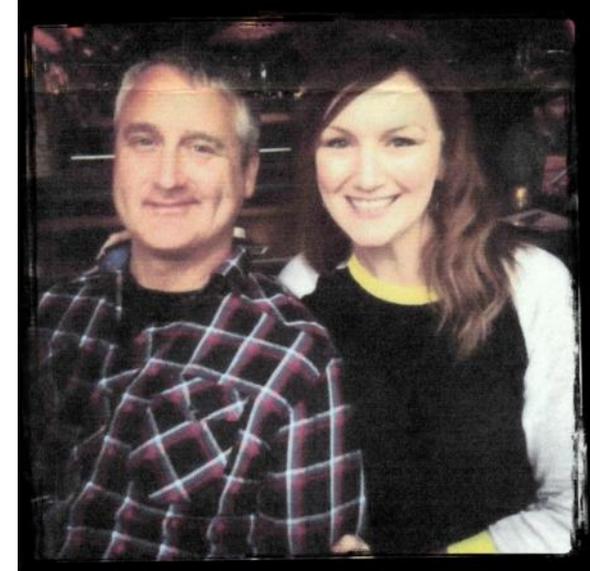


CELEBRATING  
**ALICIA SOINE**  
WHO RECEIVED A KIDNEY FROM  
**JUSTIN RIEDL**  
APRIL 3, 2007

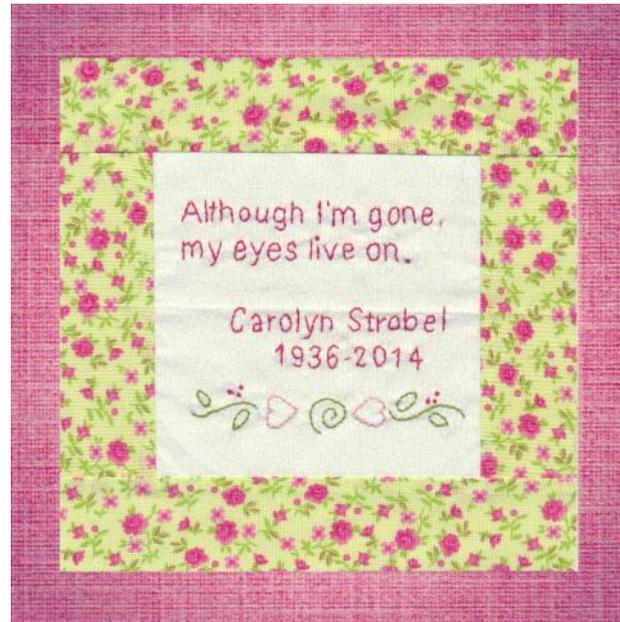
In 2007, while Justin's wife was pregnant with their first child, he selflessly donated a kidney to his sister, Alicia. Alicia has always led a healthy lifestyle, but she hasn't had it easy. And her son was born prematurely, at 23 weeks, due to her kidney disease. But thanks to the living kidney donation of her brother, she is still here, working hard as a single mother. The family thanks God and Oregon Health & Sciences University every day for Alicia's transplant and her life!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Alicia Soine, Karen Riedl,  
and Christine Riedl.*

*Quilt 18, Block C3*



HONORING  
**CAROLYN STROBEL**  
CORNEA DONOR  
1936—2014



*Quilt 18, Block E5*

CELEBRATING  
**TODD TEATS**  
WHO RECEIVED A LIVER FROM  
**ROBERT NEELY, III**

**R**obert “Robbie” Neely was a young man in his 20s, who was taken from his family, friends, and fiancé far too soon. He loved his family and he loved his dog, Shadow. In June 2014, Robbie tragically lost his life in an accident. His family made the gracious decision to carry Robbie’s legacy on through organ donation. Through that decision, he saved the lives of several people. I was blessed to receive his liver. Without organ donation, I would not be here today. I am alive and well and living life to the fullest. I am taking my good health and second chance at life with energy and enthusiasm. I give thanks to Robbie, who will always be a part of me, for giving me this chance.



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# CELEBRATING THE TRANSPLANT TROTTERS

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

*Transplant Trotters: Blake Adams, Aimee Adelman, Rebecca Aldrich, Nicole Andergard, Patrice Ball, Christine Boone, Rebecca Bourassa, Laura Ellsworth, Lee Golden Jr, Tracy Hoyle, Marie Kent, Bryan Myss, Monica Ozwoeld, Tommy Whitcomb.*

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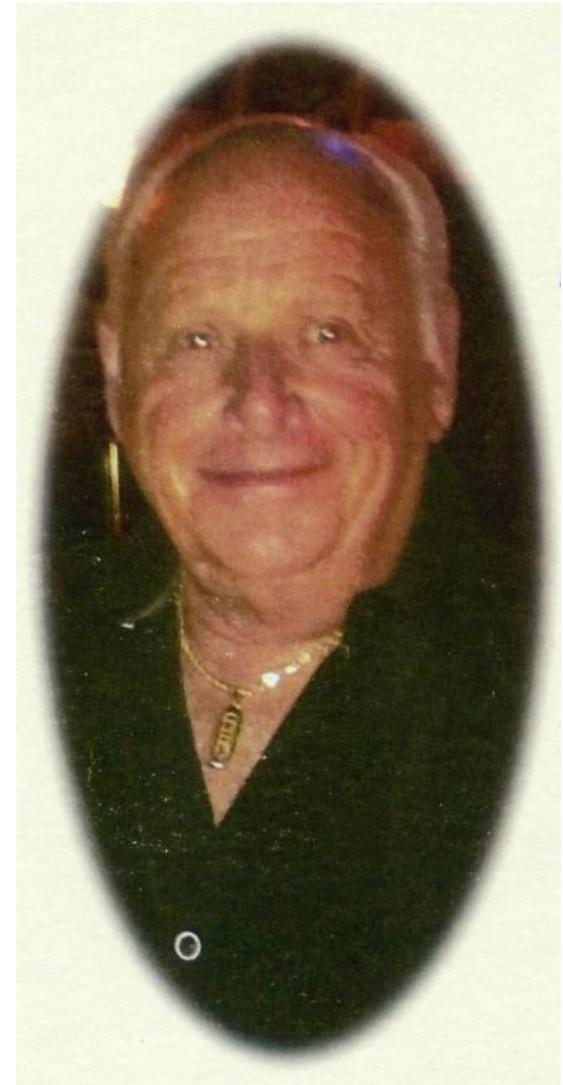


HONORING  
**JAN DAVID TRESNER**  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON  
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR  
JANUARY 17, 1941—MARCH 17, 2015

**W**hen Jan lost his medical clearance to fly, he took up remote control airplanes. This was his love. His personality and character were as high as his planes could fly. I did not know he was a donor, but it was just like him.

*Quilt square designed by Joann Brockmann and submitted by  
Donna Tresner.*

*Quilt 18, Block F1*



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

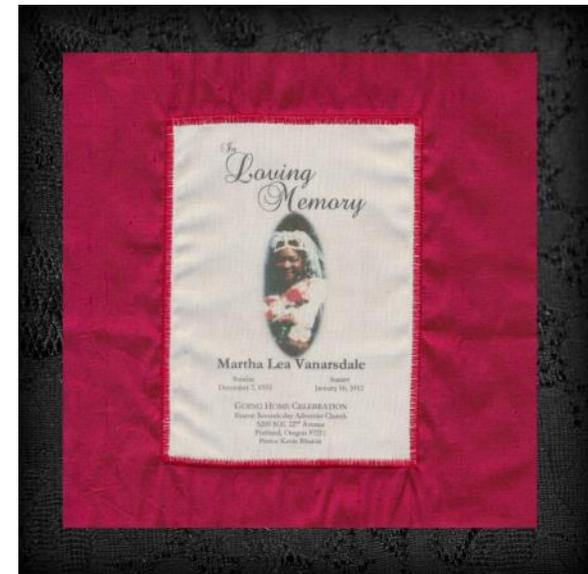
**M**artha Lea Vanarsdale was born in 1933 in Camden, Mississippi. Her parents were Lula Bell and Drew Vanarsdale, Jr. Martha had 13 siblings. At the age of 16, Martha married Herbert Hoover Olive and moved to Portland, Oregon. Martha gave birth to eight children – 4 boys and 4 girls. She loved children so much and worked as a teacher assistant for Portland Public Schools for years before her retirement. Martha also opened her own day-care and helped raise foster children, as well as some of her grandchildren.

Martha loved her church family. She loved God so much that she was also motivated to go to the juvenile detention center to reach out to the young men and women that made mistakes in their lives. She tried to help them turn their lives around.

Martha was a great cook. She would create very delicious vegetarian dishes. One of her other greatest pastimes was to shop. She loved to bargain shop and dress up with very colorful outfits. She would never leave home without her Jesus pin on her blouse, coat, or dress.

On December 4, 1985, Martha made the decision to allow her son, Bobby, to become the first heart donor in Oregon. The rest is history.

Martha passed peacefully at home on January 16, 2012 with her daughter, Balinda, at her side.



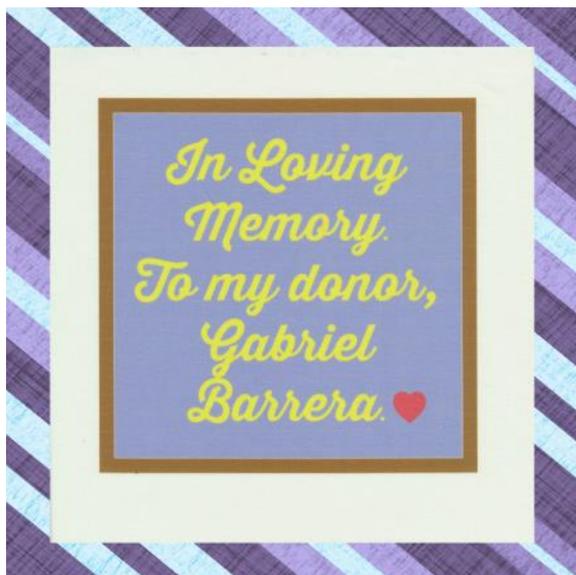
*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Balinda Olive-Beltran.*

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CELEBRATING  
**PHIL WEITZ**  
WHO RECEIVED A HEART FROM  
**GABRIEL BARRERA**  
DECEMBER 12, 2012

**G**abriel Barrera was a loving family man who loved to help others in need. He was a man who went the distance and shared life with others by becoming an organ donor. An accident in 2012 took his young life at 51 years of age. He shared that life with four others through organ donation. I was blessed to receive his beautiful, loving heart. I give thanks each day for this gift that he shared with me. I'm so blessed for my second chance at life and for the man who has given me this, Gabriel Barrera.

*Quilt 18, Block H6*



*Phil (blue shirt) meeting his donor's family in 2015.*

HONORING  
**DAVID WELTER**  
RAINIER, OREGON  
CORNEA DONOR  
MARCH 15, 1933—JULY 18, 2011

**B**orn in Ohio, David moved to Oregon at the age of three and lived there until his death. After serving with the US Army in Germany during the 1950s, he married his high school sweetheart, Lilibell. They were married for 55 years and raised three children: Lonny, Twila, and Gwyn. They also have ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, plus a number of other loved ones (adults and children) David adopted in his own way.

David loved to raise farm animals and vegetables. He also welcomed many different kinds of wild birds to his bird feeders.

Most of all, David liked to work with wood. The biggest thing he built was a new house for his loving wife. He also made all kinds of wooden cars, toys, frames, boxes, clocks, furniture, and more. If it could be made out of wood, he would make it. He used many different kinds of wood, but his favorite was Purple Heart.

He was always giving and never wanting anything in return. His joy was little children. He loved to lighten up their eyes with his handiwork such as the wooden toys or puzzles he made.

There was not much David could not do. He was a jack of all trades. He was always willing to help anyone – family, friends, and perfect strangers. He would help anyone in need. He was greatly loved and is missed by all.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by  
Lilibell Welter and Gwyn Benson.*

*Quilt 18, Block D7*

HONORING  
**DUSTIN WESTMORELAND**  
EUGENE, OREGON  
HEART RECIPIENT, JULY 29, 2001  
TISSUE AND CORNEA DONOR, APRIL 25, 2006



**D**ustin was always a giving person. Before receiving the gift of his heart in 2001, he asked if he would still be able to be a donor when the day came. After they eased his mind that yes, he would still be able to be a donor, he said, "Let's do this." That gift gave us five more years with our son, and gave him five more years of life.

When he passed away 10 years ago, he was a donor with over 75 bone, skin, tissue, and cornea donations. Dustin would be so happy to know that so many people were helped by his generous gift.

Dustin was a gift to us; we adopted him as a newborn, and we honor his heritage of the Chinook tribe. We have come full circle.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by parents, Ray and Kathy Westmoreland.*

*Quilt 18, Block D5*

CELEBRATING  
**ALYSIA YAMASAKI**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
KIDNEY RECIPIENT ON OCTOBER 21, 1988  
WAITING ON A SECOND KIDNEY

**T**his square is dedicated to all of those who are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Alysia Yamasaki.*

*Quilt 18, Block D1*

