

Threads of Life quilts express gratitude, recognize loss, and provide an avenue of healing and inspiration...

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 2015 *Threads of Life Quilt*. Each square represents a personal and touching story of love, hope, compassion and courage, and serves as a reminder each and every day of the precious gift of life, sight and mobility given by donors throughout the region.

For transplant recipients, quilt squares allow them to express their gratitude to their donors. Rod, a grateful liver recipient, has been given the gift of the last five years (and counting!) with his wife, made possible by his donor, Shannon. Tiffany has a lifetime of memories to create with her sister Nicole now that Nicole's life has been saved by an anonymous kidney donor.

For donor families, their squares not only recognize the loss of their loved ones, but provide an avenue for healing and inspiration for others. Mary, who was a quilter herself, is honored with a quilt square after helping restore sight and mobility to 22 people through her cornea and tissue donation. Daniel, who always gave of himself and helped everyone who needed it, is living on through the organs and tissues he donated, providing great comfort to his family and friends.

We hope that you will take the time to learn about each individual represented in this year's quilt, and be inspired by their stories included in this book. Organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation transforms lives every day. We would like to express our strong appreciation for those who have made the commitment to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. If we can raise awareness and inspire others to become donors, we will be raising hope for so many families whose lives will be transformed.

Leslie Brock
Executive Director
Donate Life Northwest



HONORING
Denise Elizabeth Anderson
Medford, OR
Liver, Kidney, Cornea & Tissue Donor

As we think of Denise, we are reminded of the forget-me-not. The name of the flower comes from the way this biennial lives a short life after blooming but reappears as new seedlings all over the garden. Denise lived a short life here on this earth, but during those years, her kind and gentle spirit left a lasting impression on all who met her. Denise was genuine and sincere in everything, and she showed respect, kindness and compassion to all. She was the example of living the Golden Rule.

Denise's giving spirit touched so many. She volunteered and gave of herself to many organizations including reading to children in a literacy program, helping with the Special Olympics, and providing free tax assistance to those in need.

Denise was humble by nature, but also successful in her own right. She graduated from college (spending one semester abroad in Italy) and then received her Master's degree. Denise say many of her dreams become a reality including a successful job in accounting.

Family was very important to Denise, and her faith in God never wavered. The blessings Denise brought to each of us cannot be counted. We all love her and miss her more than words could ever express. Denise will **NEVER** be forgotten.



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

*Quilt 17
Block C9*

HONORING
Teresa Gail Baars

Scottsburg, OR
Tissue Donor
September 1, 2014

Terry and I met because of her pets. Her kitties were the only family she had. She was a sweet, modest, friend who left paw-prints on the hearts of all her friends – especially me.

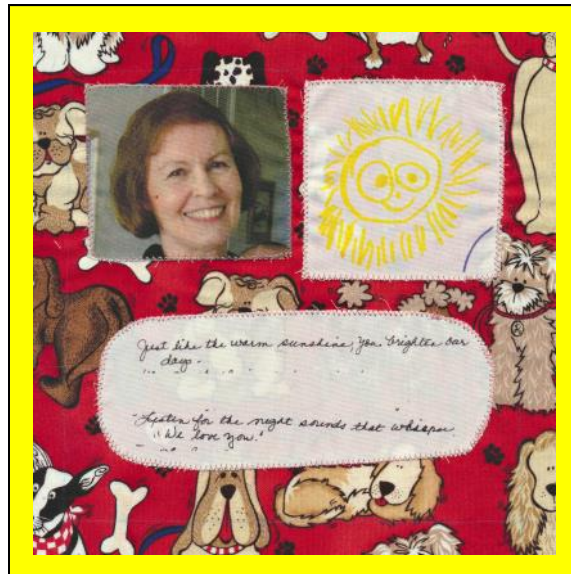


Quilt square designed and submitted by Susan Butkus.

Quilt 17, Block E9

HONORING
Linda H. Bonebrake
Washougal, WA
Liver, Kidney & Tissue Donor
November 16, 2013

Linda lived her life for her children and her husband. She was their sunshine.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Richard Bonebrake and daughter-in-law

Quilt 17, Block C2

HONORING
Casey Nicolete Boone

Lebanon, OR
Cornea Donor

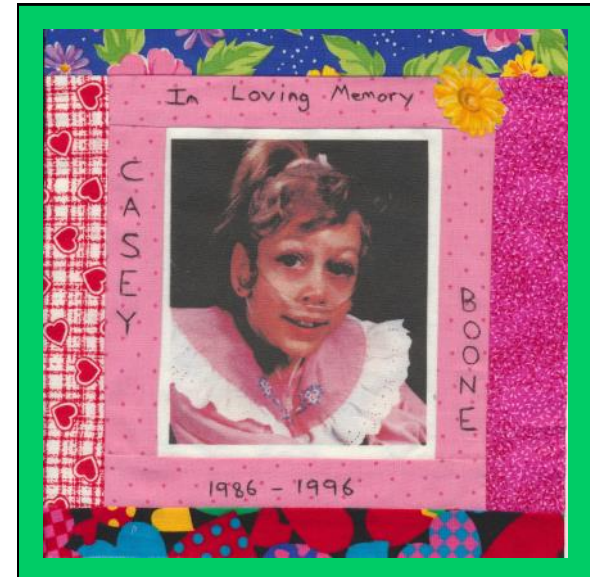
Casey Boone was the baby of the family. Her smile would warm your heart. No matter how much pain she was in, she always had a smile to share. Her favorite show was Barney and Friends. For her seventh birthday, she had a huge Barney-themed party with all of her friends and family. She loved to giggle and belly laugh.

Unfortunately, due to the severity of her sickness, she was only able to donate her corneas. She had the biggest, brightest, most beautiful blues eyes that anyone ever saw!

To those that knew Casey, they will never forget her, because she left footprints on their heart. Casey, your family is so proud of you, and your legacy lives on through others.

*Quilt Square designed and submitted
by Christine Boone and Adam Dean.*

Quilt 17, Block B3



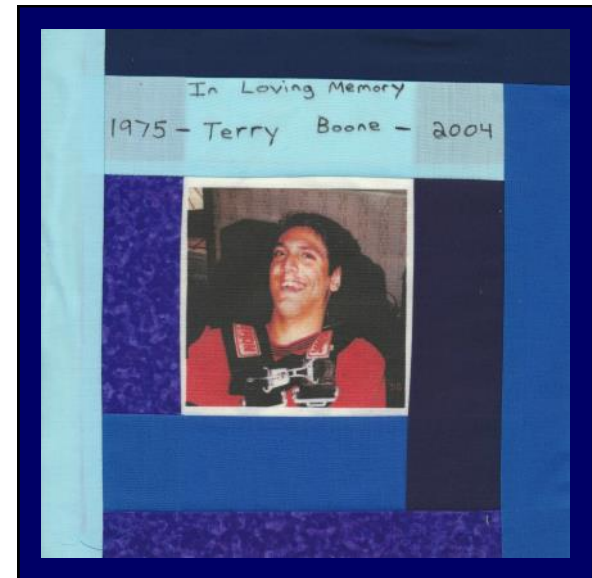
HONORING
Terry Anthony Boone

Lebanon, OR
Heart, Liver, Kidney, Lung, Pancreas & Cornea Donor
May 21, 2004

Terry Boone loved life. He enjoyed baseball, girls, and watching his two baby sisters. He was a diehard Cubs fan! No matter if they won or lost, mostly lost, as long as he got to watch the game, Terry was a happy guy. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Terry was able to donate a kidney and a pancreas to one woman, a kidney to a man with a family, liver to a gentleman (survived 3 months), his heart to a woman in her thirties (only made it day due to her being so sick), and both corneas.

Terry, we are so proud of you and your legacy that continues on within others.



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by Christine Boone and Adam Dean.*

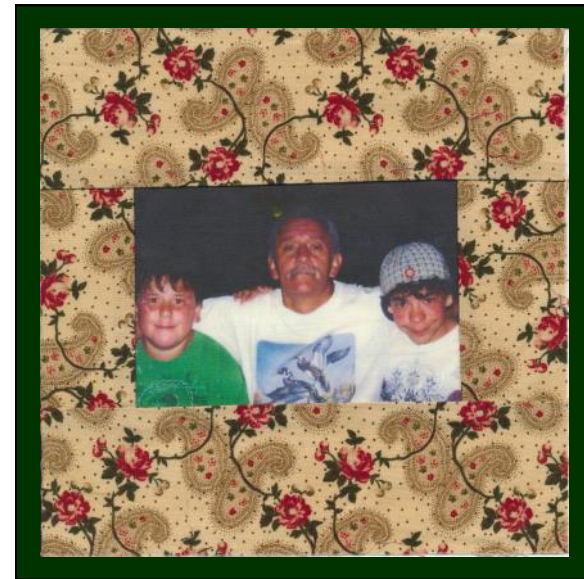
Quilt 17, Block D7

HONORING
Roberto “Noon” Castillo
McMinnville, OR
Cornea Donor

Roberto was a good, gentle soul who wouldn't harm a fly. He had a great sense of humor and was always joking and laughing. He was a wonderful father, son, brother, and uncle. Also, he was a hard worker who never missed a day. When he didn't have a car, he rode his bike seven miles each way to and from his nightshift job – regardless of the weather.

Roberto is survived by three sons – Nick, Robert, and Carlos, and their mother, Kimberly Juarez, all from Sheridan; his mother, Rebecca Alonzo of McMinnville; a brother, Abel Thom Jimenez from Lafayette; two sisters, Angie Nicholson of McMinnville and Nina Castillo Romero of Duncan, OK; and a number of nieces and nephews.

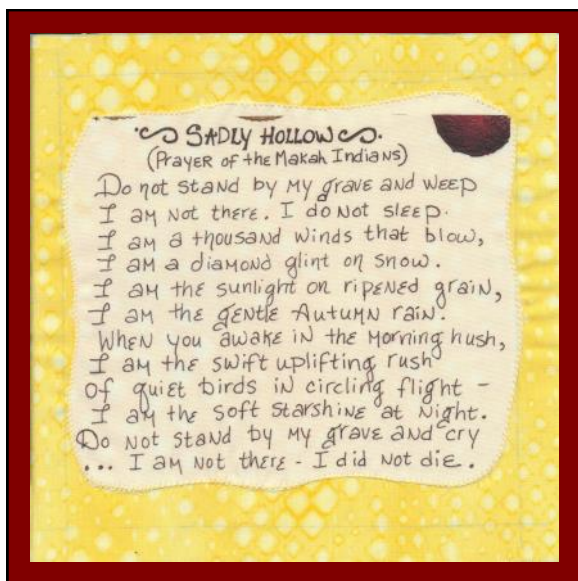
Roberto's mother, Rebecca shares: “GOD always knows what he is doing, as this was the perfect time for him to get close to his boys and for them to get to know the wonderful man and father he was! I will always thank the good Lord for giving him that opportunity before he passed! We, his family, are so grateful that someone has sight due to his donation. God bless you all!”



Quilt square designed and submitted by Rebecca Alonzo.

Quilt 17, Block B9

HONORING
Amy Lynn Coombs
Vancouver, WA
Donor
June 22, 1982—June 18, 2000



Quilt squares designed and submitted by Terry Hegerle.

Quilt 17, Blocks H8, D5

HONORING
Debra Lynn Crandall

Eagle Point, OR
Cornea Donor

December 18, 1955—April 30, 2014

Debra Lynn Crandall was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Born December 18, 1955 in Medford, Oregon to parents Lavor and Dellis Davis, Debra was the youngest of four children: half-brother George, half-sister Vicky, and brother Bob. She was raised a country girl in the small town of Prospect. After high school, Deb worked for her family's logging business, *Lavor Davis & Sons Logging*.

Deb moved to Medford in the late 1970s and soon met her future husband, Roger Crandall. They were married in Reno, Nevada, on October 17, 1981. Deb and Roger had two sons, Jason and Brandon. The family built a home in Central Point, Oregon, and later added a home for Deb's mom and dad. After the boys were grown, Deb worked at Bi-Mor in Medford and then AMPM in Eagle Point.

Deb's proudest accomplishment was the births of her sons, Jason and Brandon. Later, both boys blessed her with two granddaughters each. Jason's daughters, Emily and Kieghlee, and Brandon's daughters Sakura and Sophie became Deb's pride and joy.

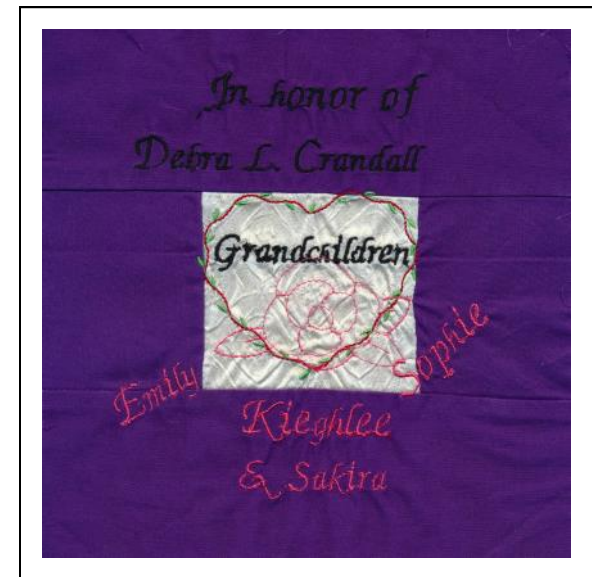
Deb enjoyed spending time with friends, family, and their four dogs. She loved animals and playing games, especially pool.

Deb spent her final days at Rogue Valley Medical Center

surrounded by loving family and friends. She succumbed to complications from COPD on April 30, 2014 with Roger by her side. Deb was preceded in death by her father, mother, and sister Vicky.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Bobby Joe Davis and Roger Crandall.

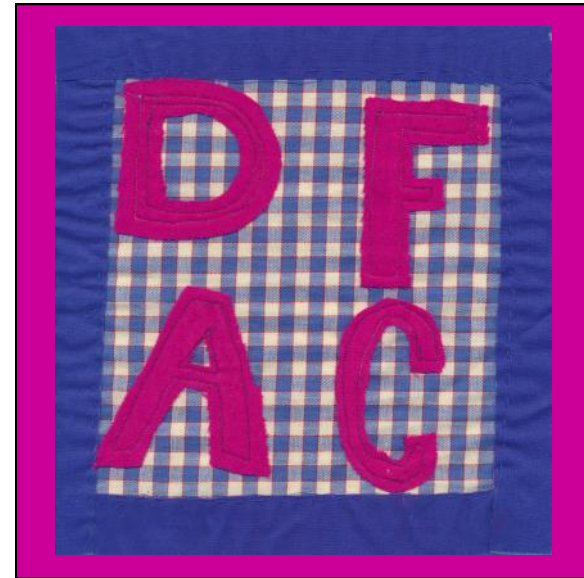
Quilt 17, Block C4



CELEBRATING
Donor Family Advisory Council
Portland, Oregon

The Donor Family Advisory Council is a wonderful and compassionate group of donor family members who seeks out ways to best meet the needs of donor families within our community. Their mission 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.

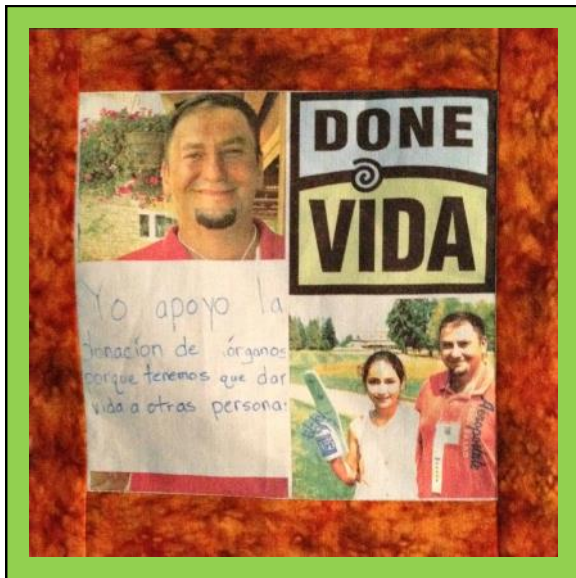
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CELEBRATING
Jaime Flores
McMinnville, OR
Living Kidney Donor
February 20, 1998

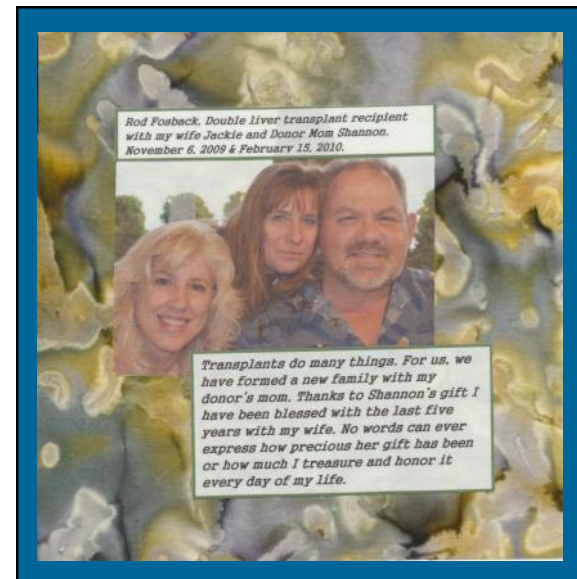
Jaime watched his brother, Ramon, endure two years of dialysis before Jaime learned he could be tested to be a living kidney donor for Ramon. Because they weren't a perfect match, Ramon's doctors discouraged the transplant, but Jaime was determined to try. 17 years later, Ramon is still living happily and healthily with Jaime's kidney! Jaime, his wife, and three kids generously volunteer with Donate Life Northwest to encourage others to become donors.

Quilt 17, Block B1



CELEBRATING
Rod Fosback
Eugene, OR
Liver Recipient
February 15, 2010

Transplants do many things. For us, we have formed a new family with my donor's mom. Thanks to Shannon's gift, I have been blessed with the last five years with my wife. No words can ever express how precious her gift has been or how much I treasure and honor it every day of my life.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Rod Fosback.*

Quilt 17, Block F9

HONORING
Steven Edward Fritz

Portland, OR
Cornea Donor

September 21, 1960—September 24, 2014

Steven Edward Fritz, MD was the son of Edward and Emily, brother of Sam and Andy, husband of Amanda, and father of Luke, Maxwell, and Alessandra. He was born in Kentucky on September 21, 1960; graduated from high school in Bloomfield, NJ; from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA; from medical school at the University of Rochester, NY; and from a residency training at OHSU in Portland, OR. He was killed on September 24, 2014 in a car crash on Interstate-5 in Oregon – his home state since 1986.

It is hugely meaningful to Steve's family that he was a donor. It makes his sudden, accidental death more tolerable, knowing that his physical body lives on through donation.

Steve was a psychiatrist who worked at Oregon State Hospital for over 25 years. He cared for people who committed crimes due to experiencing mental illness, and helped many recover and return to "normal" life. He would say that nobody's life is "normal."

He was a gifted amateur photographer, enjoying capturing both people and landscapes with his camera. He attended the Burning Man festival for 15 years, becoming an official photographer and archivist for the organizers. He saw life through a lens that most people don't experience. We hope the recipient of his corneas experiences new wonders through seeing life with Steve's eyes.

He was the most interesting man in the world. At public and private memorials, people said that Steve was, "unapologetically kind, and unapologetically himself." His kindness lives on through his donations.



Quilt square designed by Mary Ann Schwab and submitted by Amanda Fritz.

Quilt 17, Block A4



HONORING

Peggy Ann Gribben

Eagle Point, OR

Liver, Kidney, Tissue & Cornea Donor

January 22, 1955—November 29, 2014

Peggy Ann Gribben, 59, of Eagle Point, OR passed away suddenly, surrounded by her loved ones on November 29, 2014, following a massive stroke.

Peggy was born in Boulder, CO on January 22, 1955 to Gerald Greenfield and Doris (Walker) Greenfield. She spent her very early childhood in Boulder, with her two sisters, Tia and Cyndi, as well as her younger brother, Ross. Peggy and her family moved to Medford, OR when she was in elementary school, and she spent the remainder of her life as a resident of the Rogue Valley. It was here that Peggy met and married Dan Nelson and raised their two daughters, Kristi and Kori. Later in life, Peggy was fortunate to meet and marry the love of her life, Bernie Gribben.

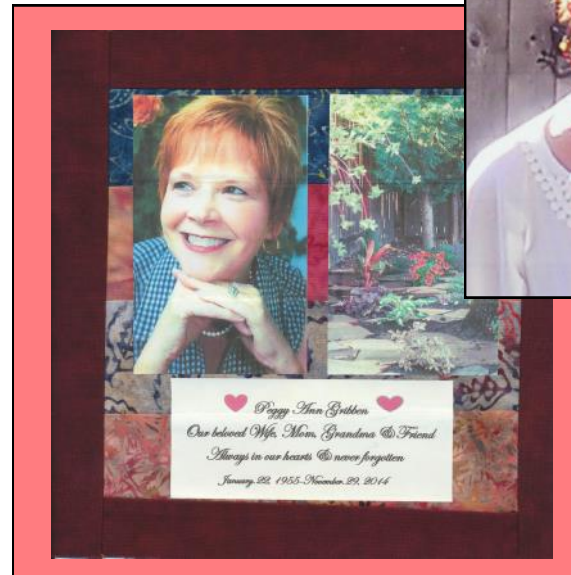
Peggy was a longtime member of Medford First Church of the Nazarene, and considered her faith, family, and friends the most important things in her life. She loved children and was a mentor and mother-figure to so many. Peggy loved to flower garden and spent endless hours cultivating her beautiful backyard. She also enjoyed camping and spending time outdoors. In recent years, Peggy took up quilting and took great pride in teaching her grandchildren, Chloe and Logan, her craft. Peggy will be remembered for her kind and nurturing spirit, beautiful smile, and loving ways. For those closest to her, she will also be remembered for her ability to

make a house a home, for her love of all things spicy, and for her enthusiastic enjoyment of a good storm... especially if there was snow involved.

Peggy's life was a blessing and a treasure, and she is loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Kori Acosta.

Quilt 17, Block E4



HONORING
Joshua Corbit Hemminger
Medford, OR
Kidney, Tissue & Cornea Donor
February 12, 1981—April 18, 2014

Joshua loved life, and he lived it to the fullest – full steam ahead! He loved sports, especially snowboarding, but he loved baseball and football, too. He simply loved the outdoors.

Joshua was the baby of our family. He was the happiest baby ever, and he grew up to be a happy adult. He loved his friends – he called them his family once he had moved away from home.

Joshua is missed so much by his big brother Matthew, his Nana Carolyn, and his mom and dad. And so many friends.

Josh donated his kidneys to two men, also his eyes and corneas. He had always wanted to be a hero, and now he's the biggest hero we know!

Josh, your family is so, so proud of you and the legacy you have left us with. We love you, son!

*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Mike and Chris Hemminger*

Quilt 17, Block C8



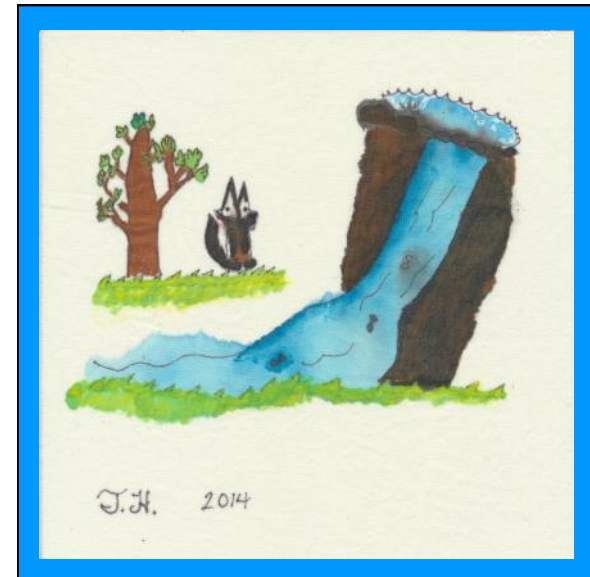
CELEBRATING
Nicole Hine
Florence, OR
Kidney Recipient
October 14, 2013



From Nicole to her anonymous donor's family: "Thank you so much! Because of your loved one's generous kidney gift, I now have a second chance at life."

*Left square designed and submitted
by Nicole Hine.*

Quilt 17, Block C5



From Nicole's sister, Tiffany to the anonymous donor and their family: "I thank the donor and the donor's family for giving my sister a second chance."

*Above square designed and submitted by
Nicole's sister, Tiffany Hine.*

Quilt 17, Block F2

*Left square designed and submitted by
Nicole's sister, Danielle Hine.*

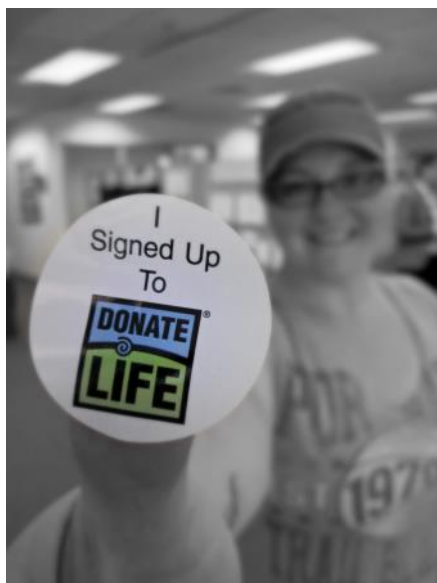


Quilt 17, Block B4

CELEBRATING
Mary Hoffman-Romero
Camas, WA
Kidney Recipient

On July 9, 2013, Mary Hoffman-Romero received the gift of life — in the form of a kidney — from a friend and living kidney donor named Elizabeth Pfalzgraff. Since that time, Mary has become a dedicated volunteer for Donate Life Northwest and has become an advocate and ambassador for organ, eye, and tissue donation throughout her community and everywhere she goes.

Quilt 17, Block C6



HONORING
James “Lenny” Hubbard

Medford, OR
Tissue Donor
January 2012

His friends and family called him Lenny. James was just too formal for him. He knew no strangers and was always willing to lend a hand shake and a helping hand. His family came first. If you saw Lenny, you saw his wife and children. They were a package deal.

He loved all animals and loved taking pictures. He often took pictures of part of the herd of 15 deer that lived on his property. He also took trips to the Klamath Falls area and shot photos of the migration of the eagles.

Lenny was hooked on auto racing. Not only did he love it in his younger years, but he went on to become the oldest go-cart driver in the cart association. He drove for over 15 years.

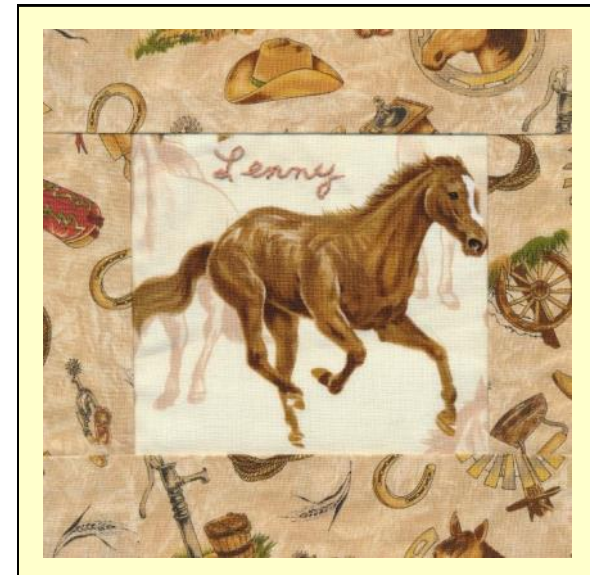
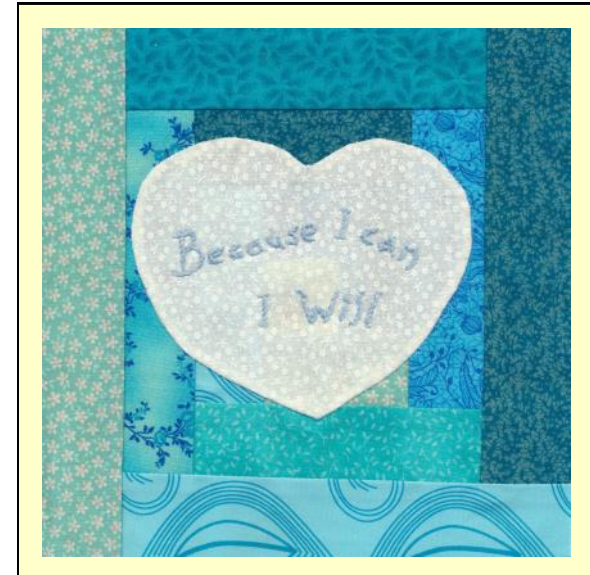
He always wore a handle-bar moustache – he said he had to grow hair where he could.

The log cabin-style quilt block (above) was chosen because Lenny always wore western clothing. The motto embroidered on the quilt was a life message that Lenny carried in his heart. Growing up without much family support, he found personal strength within himself. He lived his life believing, “Because I can, I will.”

Quilt square top right was designed and submitted by Gloria Hubbard.

Quilt square on bottom right was designed and submitted by Diane Prill.

Quilt 17, Block F3 and Quilt 17, Block G3



HONORING
Allen Gary Kerr

Lebanon, OR
Cornea Donor
July 19, 2013

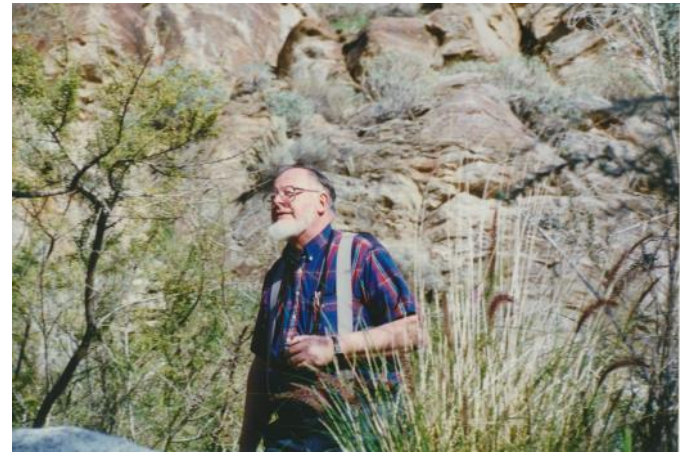
Allen was born in Morton, WA in 1943. His father was a logger and mill owner in Packwood, WA. The family moved to Brookings, OR where Allen grew up. He lived in Edmonds, WA during high school, and in Newberg, OR during college. He married Shirley in 1964. He and Shirley adopted two sons in the 1970s.

Allen was always interested in the outdoors, though he preferred hunting with a camera. He enjoyed archery, hiking and backpacking, and led many groups of young people into wilderness areas in Oregon. He enjoyed traveling and visited most of the lower 48 states over his lifetime. He made a trip around the world with the Boy Scouts in 1959.

Allen worked in broadcast radio and later owned a motel on the Oregon coast. In retirement years, he enjoyed his two sons and his granddaughters. Family was important to Allen, as was his relationship with His Lord. He was active in the life of his local church and tried to promote interest in mission work both local and abroad.

Quilt square submitted by Shirley Kerr

Quilt 17, Block A6



CELEBRATING
Kathy Langston

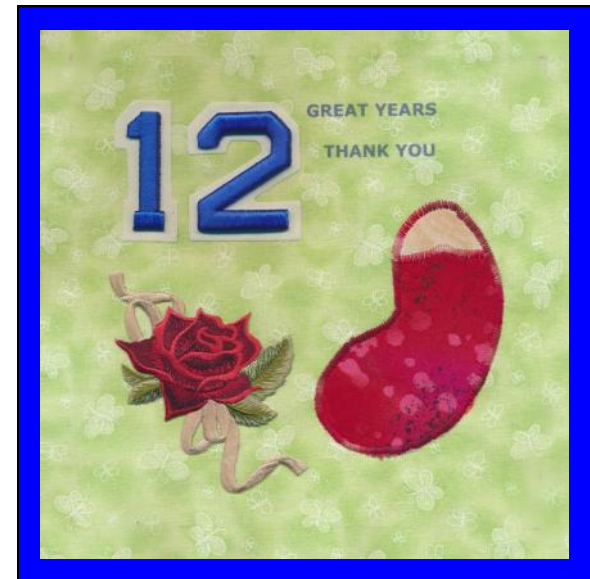
Springfield, OR
Kidney Recipient
March 19, 2003

This quilt square is made to honor the unknown person who donated a kidney to Kathy Langston on March 19, 2003. With this gift of life, Kathy has been able to enjoy the last 12 years of her life in very amazing ways. She has seen three of her grandchildren graduate high school, and two of them will graduation from college this year. She has also enjoyed the birth of three great-grandchildren, and has been able to watch them grow and explore life.

Kathy moved to Pennsylvania for eight years. She taught at a career college there and was able to obtain her own bachelors degree in the process. She is now retired and volunteers at several places including Donate Life Northwest. Kathy says, "I cherish my life, and I am forever grateful to my hero donor!"

Quilt square designed and submitted by Kathy Langston.

Quilt 17, Block B2



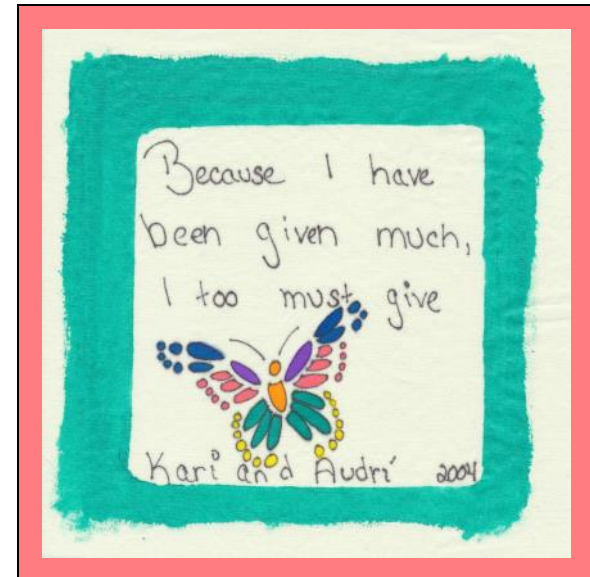
CELEBRATING
Kari Lundell and Audri Taggart

Oregon City, OR
Kidney Recipient and Kidney Donor
March 19, 2003

Kari was born with renal reflux. She spent more than 13 years on dialysis. When the time came that she absolutely needed a transplant, her sister, Audri, called and said, "Your Christmas gift is a kidney!"

Quilt square below designed and submitted by Kari Lundell. Right square designed and submitted by Audri Taggart. Bottom right square designed and submitted by Audri's daughter, Destiny Worthington.

Quilt 17, Blocks F8, A3, A5



HONORING

Audrey Marshall

Portland, OR

Liver, Kidney, Cornea & Tissue Donor

April 19, 2014

My friend, Audrey Marshall, died on April 19, 2014 after a fight with brain tumors. She was very disappointed to be leaving. The doctors at the hospital were very impressed with all the women who gathered around her. She was a spunky, great friend.

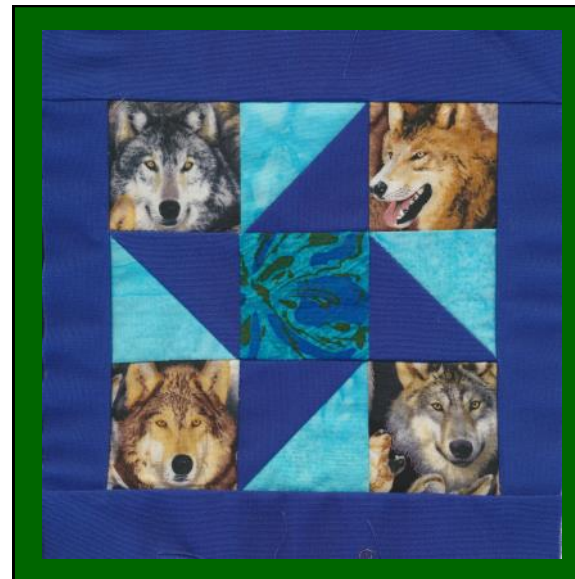
Audrey had retired from nursing a decade before. She needed to have open heart surgery, at which time the doctor recommended she get out and engage with people more, so she began to volunteer. She really blossomed through her work with the farmers market and the senior center.

We met at the senior center and she joined our quilting class, after which we would go for happy hour. We both really liked beer.

She was an avid reader, checking out 20 books at a time and going back and forth between them. She even kept records of how many pages she read in each.

She loved football, jigsaw puzzles, shooting darts, and cooking. Her favorite animal was the wolf, so I included them in her quilt square. She was a talented cross-stitcher and all the items she made were given as gifts. Only her final quilt was for her own use, and we finished it as a fundraiser for Loaves & Fishes.

She was a tiny ball of energy with a good smile, who will be very missed.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Martha "Moppy" Barr.

Quilt 17, Block B5

HONORING
Arlie Weston Martin

Damascus, OR
Cornea Donor
June 6, 2008

Arlie's usual outfit was a t-shirt, jeans, and in cold weather, a plain flannel. He wore his clothes until they fell apart and the fabric was too thin to sew on any more patches. The sewing box was always full of repairs for him. This quilt square was made from the tattered remains of one of his favorite shirts.

Arlie's clothes suited his life. He worked hard, generally doing physical labor – more often for others than for himself. He loved his tractor and almost wore it out. He used industrial man-tools on construction projects. He worked on cars and motorcycles using his welder, band saw and power tools. It was a joy to see him completely absorbed in some woodworking project, or in the basement modifying some part to make his motorcycle go faster.

At age 30, Arlie was diagnosed with cancer and was given 3-6 months to live. He chose to be cheerful and positive and to continue living as normally as possible. He didn't want people to be sad around him or because of him, so he joked and teased. Then, alone at night, when his children were sleeping, he held them close and wept at the thought of leaving them.

Arlie left us reluctantly, but with a clear conscience. He left a six-month-old son, a two-year-old daughter, parents, siblings, nieces and nephews who adored him, and many, many friends. We love and miss him terribly.



*Quilt square designed/ submitted by
Priscilla Martin.
Quilt 17, Block E8*



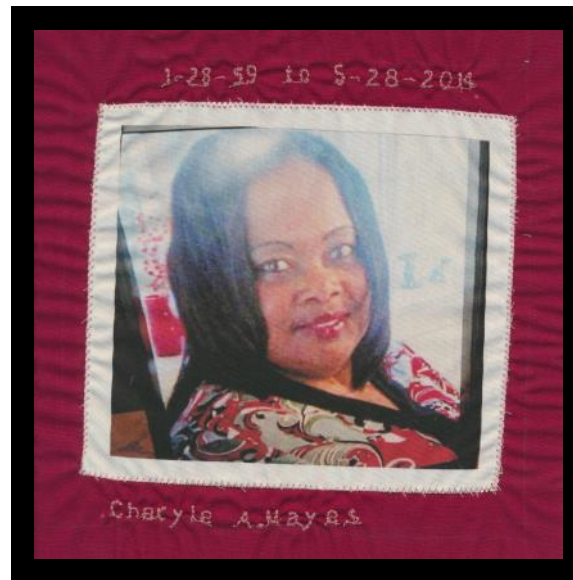
HONORING
Cheryle Mayes

Portland, OR
Kidney Recipient
March 2005

Cheryle was loved so much by her family. She had so much love for her grandchildren. She spent a lot of time with them. She loved her church family so much. She spent Sabbath with them. She enjoyed family time together. She is missed.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Balinda Olive-Beltran and Sarah Van Arsdale.

Quilt 17, Block F7

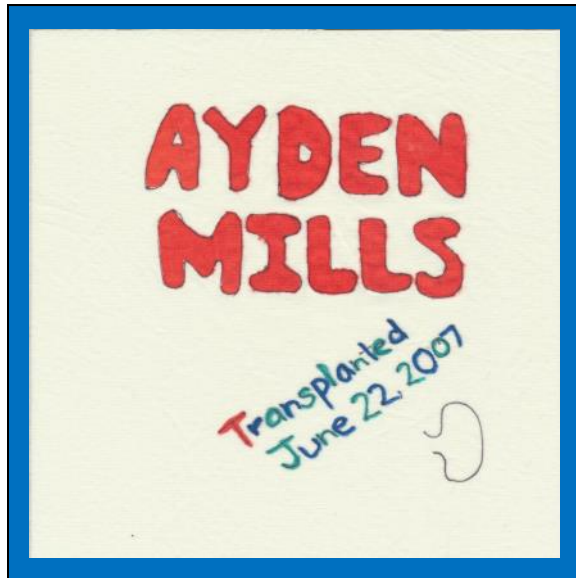


CELEBRATING
Ayden Mills
Vancouver, WA
Kidney Recipient
June 22, 2007

Ayden received his kidney at Doernbecher Children's Hospital at the age of 3 years old.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Carole and
Ayden Mills.*

Quilt 17, Block C7



CELEBRATING
Harry "Joe" Mitchell

Lebanon, OR
Liver Recipient
October 2012

Joe knew for twelve years that he would need a transplant. The doctors had said 5 years, but he added 7 years to it. He wanted to see his two sons graduate from school, so he listened to his doctor. He is now back at work and living a normal life.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Marjorie Mitchell.

Quilt 17, Block A8



HONORING
Jeffrey Edward Nelson
Hillsboro, OR
Organ & Tissue Donor
December 7, 1962—June 11, 2000

Jeff was born at Atsugi Naval Air Station in Japan. We adopted him from the Elizabeth Sauders Home in Oiso, Japan. Miki Sawada, the founder of the home, helped us choose Jeff. What a special choice!

We came back to the United States in 1964 to Moses Lake. Jeff had his eyes operated on in December, and in April and May of that year, he spent 6 weeks being cared for by Dr. Kenneth Swan, who saved his life. Dr. Swan was the head of the Ophthalmology Department at the University of Oregon and the founder of the Lion's Eye Bank.

We lived in Colorado, then returned to Spokane, where our children, Jeff and Stacey, who was born when Jeff was four, could spend time with all of their grandparents. Then we went to the Philippines, and three years later, returned to California. There, Jeff continued with Cub Scouts and became a Boy Scout.

Jeff liked to read, write poetry, learn about Shakespeare, study US History and do art work. Jeff liked sports. He was on University High School's Cross Country team. He liked gymnastics, weight-lifting, swimming, and running. He joined the U-High marching band and played the clarinet, saxophone, and tuba. He played them all well and all by ear. He liked the tuba the best because it was huge, and he was only about 5'3" tall.

Jeff received his Eagle Scout Award the day that Mt. St. Helens blew up. That was a day to remember! He joined DeMolay and later, the Masons. His Masonic Lodge was Holbrook Lodge in Forest Grove, OR.

Jeff held down many jobs because he was such a good worker. His last job was with the Hillsboro School District. He was a custodian at Brown Middle School. The students liked him a lot and enjoyed his sense of humor. Jeff would have been thrilled to have known he helped so many people with the donation of his tissue and organs.

Quilt square designed and submitted by J Evan and Roma Nelson and Stacey Jackson.



Quilt 17, Block D8



CELEBRATING
Sharon Nelson

Waiting List—Kidney
Hillsboro, OR

Sharon is currently in end stage renal failure. Organ donation gives her hope that she will be able to live a long, normal life.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sue Nelson,
Sharon Nelson, and Megan Tinker.*

Quilt 17, Blocks C1, G7



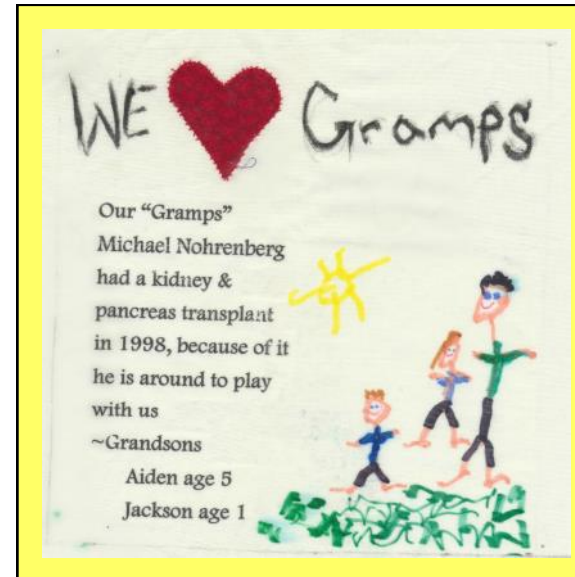
HONORING
Michael Nohrenberg

Eugene, OR
Kidney & Pancreas Recipient
August 4, 1998

At the time of his kidney and pancreas transplant in 1998, Michael's priority was living long enough to see his three children graduate high school. Ryan was 14 years old, and twins Branden and Sarah were 10 years old. Michael exceeded that goal and was also able to know and enjoy his daughters-in-law, Amanda and Hannah. The very best part was being the very happy grandfather to two boys, Aiden and Jackson.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Amanda Nohrenberg (with artwork by Aiden and Jackson Nohrenberg).

Quilt 17, Block E3

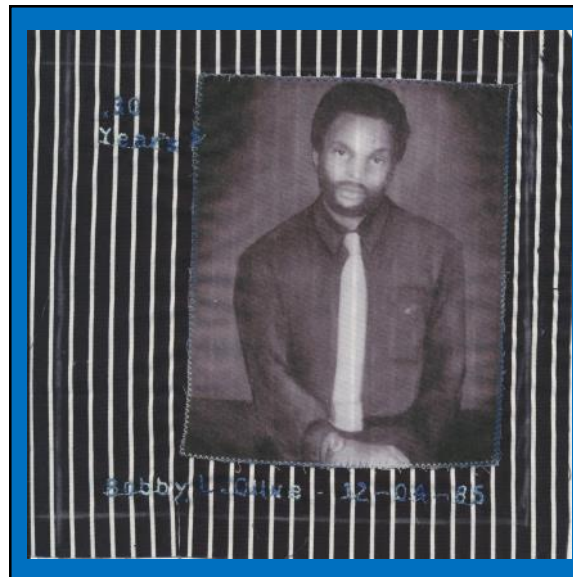


HONORING
Bobby Olive
Portland, Oregon
Heart Donor
December 4, 1985

Bobby was the fifth of eight children. He was such a talented young man. He stood 6'4" and weighed approximately 160 lbs. Bobby played basketball and loved to dance like James Brown. But most of all, he loved the family life. He loved his children very much, and is missed so much.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Balinda Olive-Beltran.

Quilt 17, Block G4



HONORING
Maria O’Ryan
Cornea Donor
May 7, 1947—2014

Maria was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1947, then came to the USA in 1960, where she lived in Knoxville, TN.

From an early age, Maria loved to sew and made all her dolls’ dresses. She made nearly all her friends’ evening dresses and, of course, their wedding dresses. Her real love was theater – especially children’s theater – and costume design. She worked with the Lexington, KY children’s theater for years.

Maria was an engineer with the TVA and worked in many cities. Her second love was gardening everywhere she lived. She had a beautiful garden, and also loved to decorate all the houses she lived in. She wallpapered and painted everywhere she went.

Maria was an expert in knitting, crocheting, lace-making, and smocking. I have so many things to remind me of her – sweaters, socks, hats, gloves, Christmas decorations, tablecloths, and much more.

Maria had three children, as well as two granddaughters, whom she never saw. Maria suffered with poor health; she was diabetic and survived cancer. In the end, that was the cause of her death. Cornea donation was done at the time of her death. Two different individuals benefitted from Maria’s donations.



Maria’s quilt square is foundation-pieced featuring the delicate hummingbird centered in a frame of morning glories. She loved the arts and her favorite colors were yellow and purple.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Jean Moore
(Maria’s mother) and Nancy Castle (friend).*

Quilt 17, Block A2

HONORING
Paul Pantle

Springfield, OR
Heart, Kidney, Liver & Cornea Donor
May 22, 2007

It was May 21, 2007. Paul was with three friends near McGowen Creek, just east of Springfield, Oregon. Late in the afternoon, while riding his ATV around a curve, his right front tire caught the soft, sandy edge and pulled his ATV off the road hitting a tree. Paul had all of the safety equipment he was supposed to wear, but nevertheless, this traffic accident was not avoided. He was airlifted to Sacred Heart Medical Center, but his injuries from hitting the tree were too severe. He was pronounced brain dead on May 22, 2007.

I want to honor my son's memory not because of the accident, but for the person he was. He was a dedicated father of five, a wonderful and loving husband to his wife Dawn, a caring brother to Shad and Nick, and a devoted son to his father and me.

The main thing I want others to know about him is his zeal and love for life. Paul was adventurous with a spontaneous spirit, and this made him so much fun to be around. His laughter was booming and contagious. Spending time with family and friends made him the happiest. He enjoyed playing games and singing karaoke at home or at family reunions. Paul's personality brought people together.

It is a joy to share about my son, Paul. By sharing, it keeps memories of him alive and in focus. Doing this, he will never fade away, even though he is not physical-

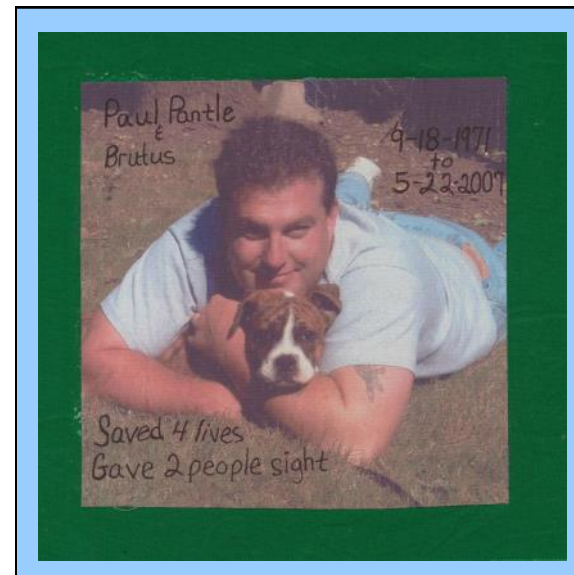
ly with us. This is the fourth quilt I am privileged to be a part of, and I will continue as long as I am able.

The quilts are always beautiful and speak as an ambassador for all who participate. I hope to pass this legacy on to Paul's children so they will continue to let others know who he was and the gifts he gave.

The picture is of Paul and his puppy, Brutus. Brutus was a gift from Paul's wife. Brutus was 8 months old when Paul passed away.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Dotty Pantle.

Quilt 17, Block E6



HONORING
Jimmy Patrick

Portland, OR
Cornea Donor

Jimmy was a retired captain in the United States Marine Corps. One word to describe him would be honor. He was very generous. He loved his dogs – Karsha, Karamel, and Reina. He loved to travel. Reading was a daily occupation, and golf sometimes. Driving was a second occupation. He graduated from law school, but did not pursue law. He loved scuba diving.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Carol Patrick.

Quilt 17, Block C3



HONORING

Patsy

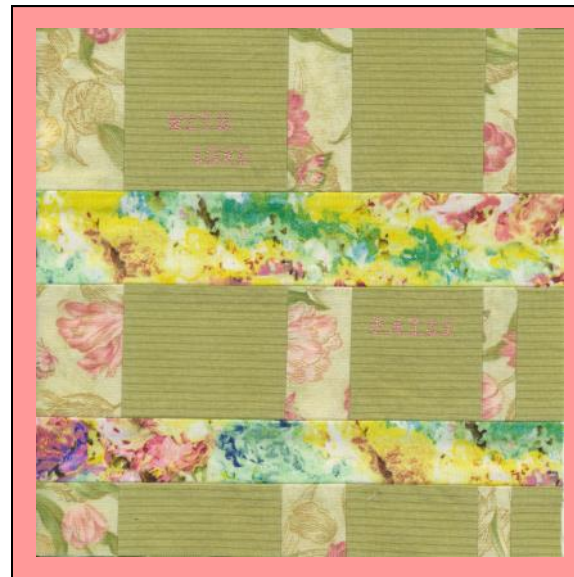
Lebanon, OR

Donor

Patsy was a dear patient and friend who loved unconditionally. She was plagued with health issues, yet always kept her smile on and hope in her heart. It was her last wish to be an organ donor. I miss her!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Martha Briese.

Quilt 17, Block D1



HONORING
Curtis Michael Peterson

Portland, OR

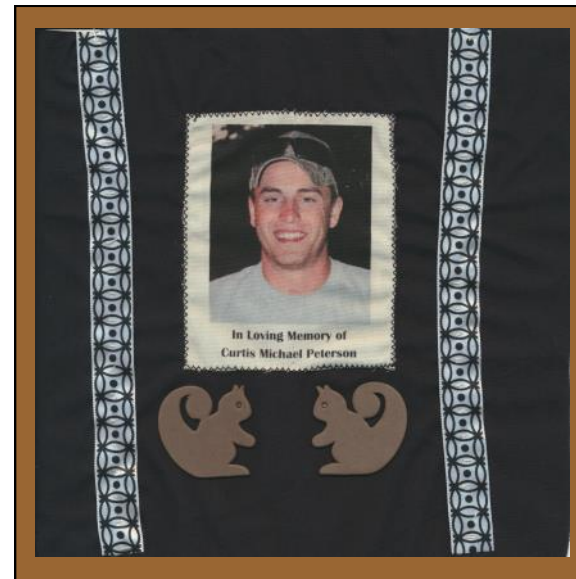
Organ Donor

December 11, 1989—March 26, 2014

Curtis lived life to the fullest. He loved to camp, hunt, and fish. He was a construction apprentice and loved the outdoors.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Vicki Peterson.

Quilt 17, Block G6



HONORING
Daniel E. Phillips

Kimberly, ID
Kidney, Liver & Cornea Donor
October 24, 2014

Daniel 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.

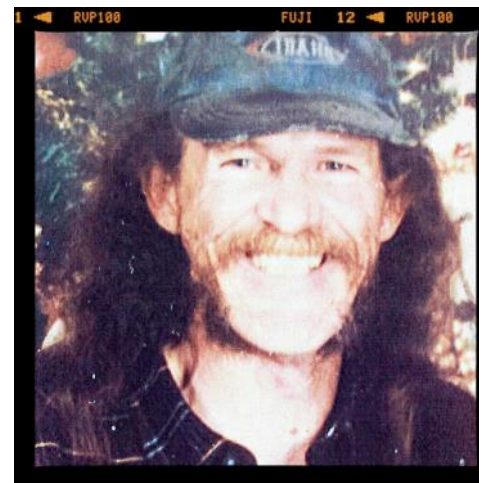
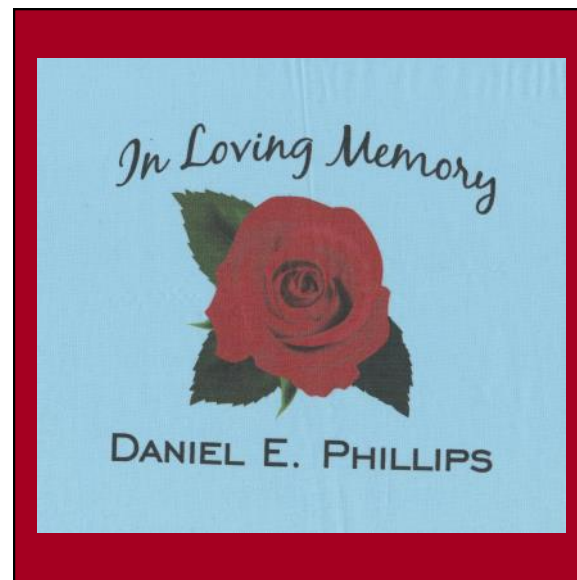
As a boy, Daniel loved to ride horses and go camping, and he took with him everyone who wanted to go. He took in people all of his life – old or young, it really did not matter. He gave of himself, his time and his money. He always helped everyone that needed help of any kind and just wanted a batch 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 couldn't do them for themselves.

We all loved him so much. He always had a smile, and his eyes just glowed with love and kindness. We just don't 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.

Designed and submitted by Norene Phillips.

Quilt 17, Block F1



CELEBRATING

Rea

Battle Ground, WA

Cornea Donor

November 15, 1941 – January 11, 2013

To the man I never met, thank you for giving me your kidney. I have the honor of having a second chance, and I am thankful.

*Designed and submitted by pediatric kidney recipient,
Rea.*

Quilt 17, Block H6



CELEBRATING
Rebecca
Portland, OR
Tissue Recipient

I would like to honor my tissue donors. I am a two-time cancer patient (salivary gland carcinoma in 2011 and breast cancer in 2014). The gift of tissue from both of my donors gave me back my smile and my mobility. I'm forever grateful!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Rebecca.

Quilt 17, Block H7



HONORING
Mary Catherine Reid

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

Mary Catherine Walsh Reid was born on the south side of Chicago and moved to Oregon in 1969. She was a cornea and tissue donor in September 2013 and was able to help 22 people.

She loved Minty Mallows from Trader Joe's and shopping at Coldwater Creek (which has since closed since they no longer have her business!). She collected angels and had an angel tree at Christmas time. Her beautiful quilts were given to family and friends. She is missed daily by her husband, daughter, and golden retriever. She would be very proud of her contributions to others.



Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly Reid.

Quilt 17, Block D2

HONORING
Abigail Robinson

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

Abigail Robinson was eleven when she went, along with her 6-year-old sister Anna, to Heaven on October 20, 2013. Both girls loved life and were loved by everyone they encountered. Abigail was a 6th grader at Tom McCall Upper Elementary School where she had lots and lots of friends. She loved drawing, swimming and riding her bike around the neighborhood. She made the best of every single day. Anna was a 1st grader at Dilley Elementary School and was just learning how to read. She had lots of friends, loved drawing with her mom and loved riding her horse Tiva. Both Abigail and Anna loved to dance, listen to music, spend time with their family and loved “hanging out” with their friends every chance they got.

Both girls have taught many how to live a love drenched life and we, their parents, are very proud of them.

Rainbows and hearts mean the world to us, we see them everywhere, and feel that they truly are a sign from God that our girls are taken care of. We love that when a rainbow appears in our town, our community looks up to the sky and thanks Anna and Abigail. I don't think anyone can fully understand how that love warms our broken hearts.

Hearts have always been special in our house too...you can see them everywhere. We still, and will forever, have heart-shaped handwritten love notes from both of my girls all over the place.

The fabric used for the quilt square was taken from Abigail's sewing box. The blue fabric is very special to our family.

The picture was taken on our family vacation in 2013 to Orcas Island. The girls were laughing at an “inside joke” and we feel that it captures their love and joy! We miss hearing them laugh!



Quilt square designed and submitted by Susan Dieter-Robinson.

*Quilt 17,
Block E5*



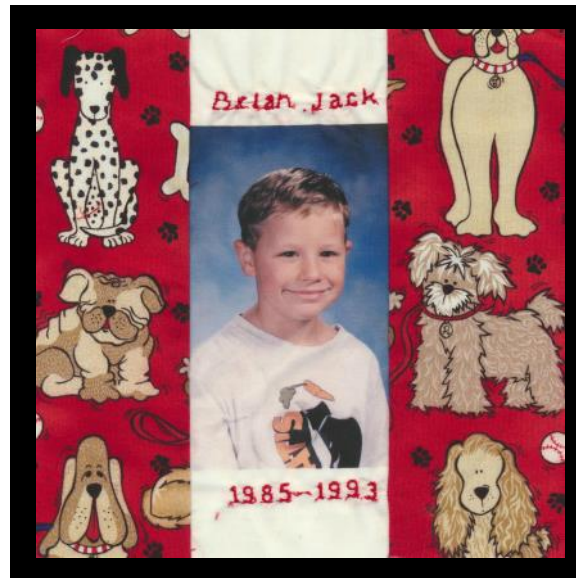
HONORING
Brian Jack Robinson

Portland, Oregon
Cornea and Tissue Donor
1985 – 1993

Brian Jack Robinson was a happy, healthy seven-year-old who loved dogs, baseball, and life! He was the sunshine of his Mom's life, and he will always be loved and missed.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Leslie Coefield.

Quilt 17, Block H5



HONORING
Kurt Robinson
Corvallis, OR
Double-Lung Recipient
March 6, 2014

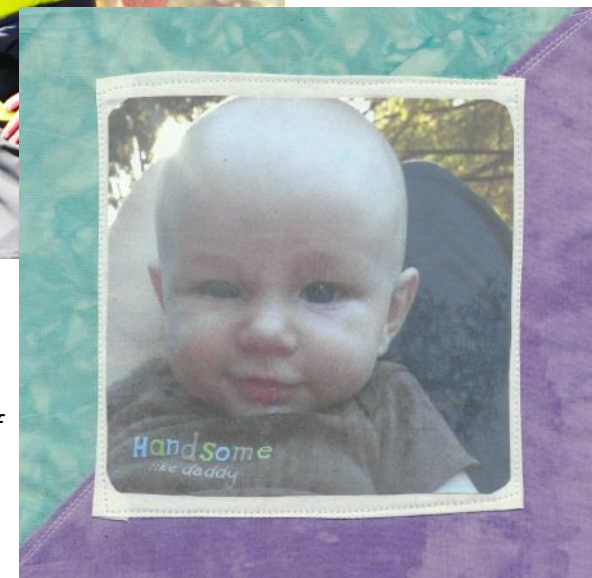
Kurt and Lisa Robinson were the first people I trained as volunteers in my new job for Donate Life Northwest. I was immediately impressed by their enthusiasm, dedication and teamwork. They dug right in to volunteer wherever they could. But sadly, after initially doing well, Kurt's new lungs began to fail and another transplant was not found in time to save him. He passed away on March 6, 2014, leaving behind his beautiful wife and yet-to-be-born son. Beckham Kurt Robinson was born June 24, 2014, looking a lot like his daddy.

If Kurt had not received his first double-lung transplant, little Mr. Beckham Robinson would not be here to enjoy snuggling in his mommy's loving arms. Nor would he be enchanting family and friends with his smiles.

Beckham, your daddy loved your mommy very much and he already loved you before you were born. We are grateful that the gift of lungs made it possible for him to give you life. May you continue to be nurtured, loved, and cherished as you grow to learn more about your awesome daddy, Kurt. We love and miss him too.

There's no greater tribute to Kurt than his wife and baby living and loving together now. Way to represent!

Kurt and Lisa volunteered for both cystic fibrosis awareness and Donate Life.



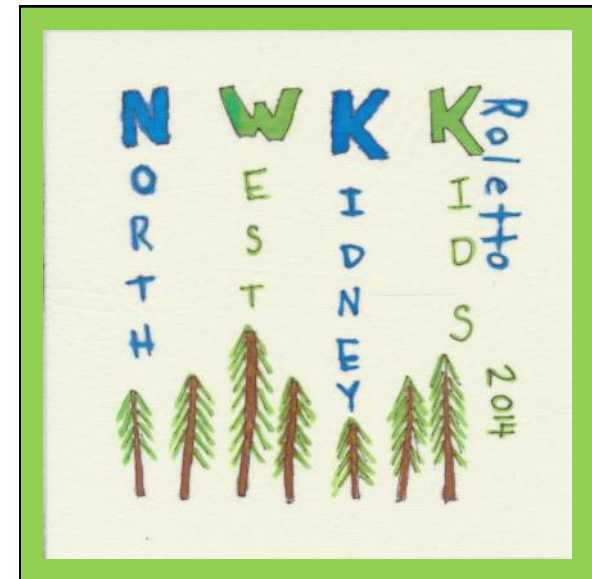
Quilt square designed and submitted by Donate Life Northwest staff member, Sue Scott.

Quilt 17, Block F5

CELEBRATING
Anthony Roletto

Hillsboro, OR
Kidney Recipient
September 20, 2004

Anthony was born with chronic kidney disease, as well as other challenges. He survived kidney cancer and hemodialysis for 1.5 years. His father, Cory, donated a kidney and Anthony was transplanted at the age of three at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Ten years later, he is a big brother to two younger brothers.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Anthony Roletto.*

Quilt 17, Block B8

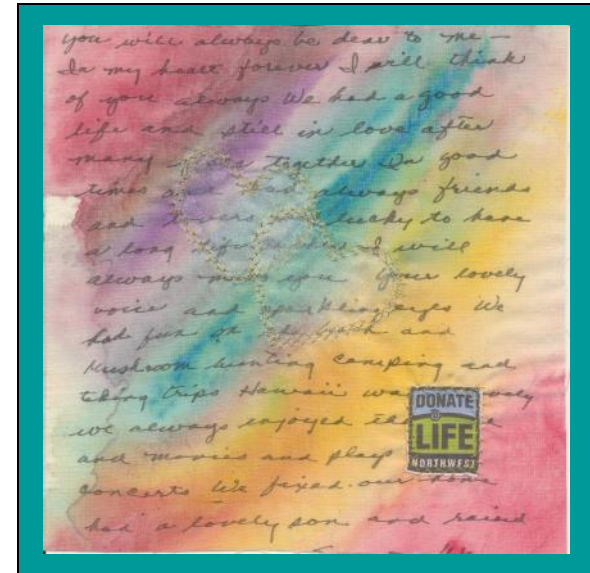
HONORING
Ronald Schrotke, Sr.
Lincoln City, Oregon
Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor
September 18, 2008

Ron was a veteran and a scoutmaster. He cared about young people. Even though he was 78 and his major organs were "worn out," when I asked if anyone was helped by his gift, I received a list of more than 35 people who had been helped by his skin, bone, and tendons. It meant a lot to me.

Quilt square designed and submitted by

Phyllis Schrotke.

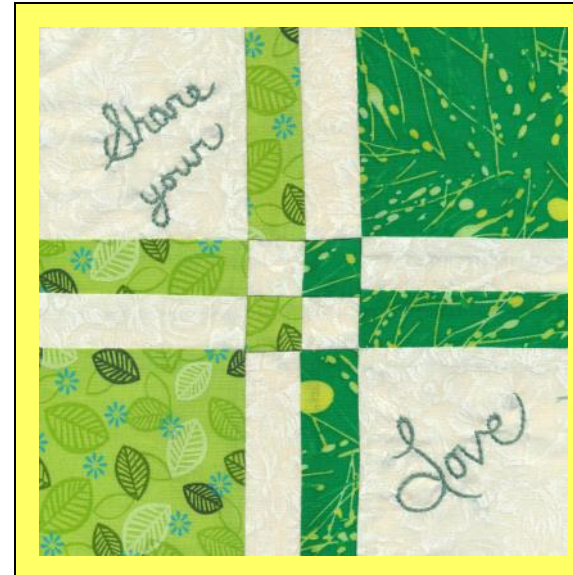
Quilt 17, Block B6



HONORING
Charles Shafer

Ashland, OR
Whole Body Donor
June 3, 2001

When my father-in-law, Charles Shafer, passed away, he left this world knowing he would be leaving wonderful gifts behind. I'm not just referring to the wisdom, love, and humor he had shared, but the donation of his organs. By becoming a donor, he enhanced the quality of life for so many people. He inspired others in our family to follow suit and sign up to become donors. He showed each of us that we are all born with the ability to help others in amazing ways by leaving a little of ourselves behind. I hope this generous act sends an inspiring message to others about the importance of planning ahead and signing up to help others in need.



*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Rowena Shafer.*

Quilt 17, Block A7

CELEBRATING The Transplant Trotters

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



Transplant Trotters: Blake Adams, Rebecca Aldrich, Nicole Andergard, Christine Boone, Rebecca Bourassa, Laura Ellsworth, Lee Golden Jr., Marie Kent, Bryan Myss, Monica Ozwoeld, Tommy Whitcomb.

Quilt 17, Block G5

HONORING
Kenneth E. Walker

Pendleton, OR
Cornea Donor
1946—2014

Kenneth Walker was a lifetime Oregonian, born and raised in Pendleton, OR. He spent his early years as a self-taught lead guitar player with teenage bands like The Stingrays, The Intruders, and The Wallflowers.

In his 20s, he gravitated to other art forms such as photography, mixed media projects, drawing, painting, and sculpture. Photography was his primary choice, the black and white 35mm variety, with film processing and darkroom printing. Ken set out to capture the visual essence of Urban America of the late 1970s and 1980s. Traveling by Greyhound bus he made 4 trips, crisscrossing America and Canada, packing a 35mm Olympus camera, 2 lenses and one change of clothing. The result of these encounters provided him with a cache of work which still holds up today. Ken's photographs were displayed in juried art shows, galleries, and publications.

In 2010, Ken was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis. In 2012, he suffered a fall and partial paralysis, which he worked hard to overcome. Always the artist, he was attempting to draw self-portraits with his non-dominant hand eight days after his accident. Ken remained positive whatever the challenge. He could often be heard singing, "I'm so happy, I'm never sad, and that's why I can't sing the blues."

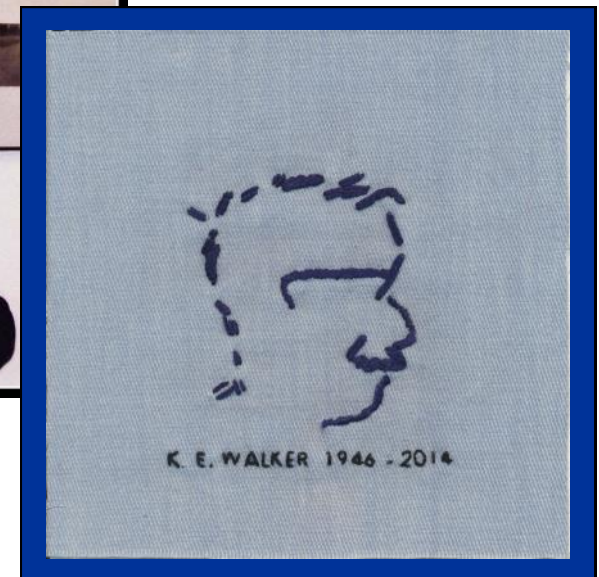
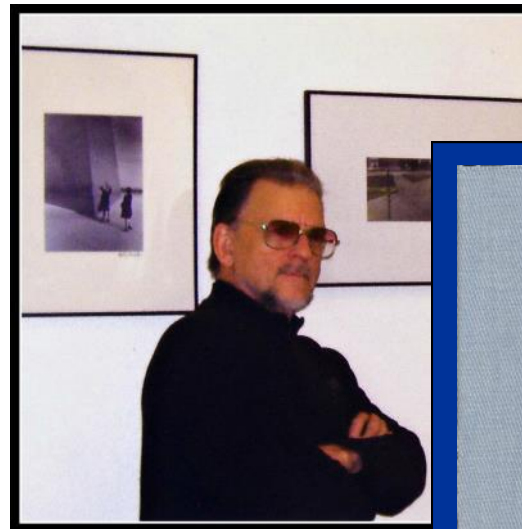
In 2014, he was in the early stages of acceptance to the transplant program at University of Washington for a

double lung transplant when his disease took him from his family and friends. Kenneth was a good person – a kind and caring man, and a talented artist with a unique sense of humor and style.

Sally, Ken's companion of 34 years, and his family, made the decision to make eye and full body donation at Ken's death.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Sally Davis.

Quilt 17, Block E2



HONORING
Sarah Jayne Webster

Gladstone, OR
Organ Donor

Sarah was four years old. She loved to play with her sister, Abigail, and their cousins.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Neva Abele.

Quilt 17, Block G8



HONORING
David Franklin Welter

Rainier, OR
Cornea Donor

March 15, 1933—July 18, 2011

David was born in Pedro, Ohio. He moved to Oregon at the age of three and lived there until his death. He served in the army from 1953 to 1956 and married his high school sweetheart in July of 1956. They were happily married for 55 years. He had three children: Lonny, Twila, and Gwyn. He also had 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He also adopted a family in 2006 from his church, who he loved very dearly. Below is a poem his adopted daughter, Darlene, wrote to help process her grief. It touched all who heard it.

I've Met Him

If **Humility** wore suspenders, flannel shirts, and made cider from apples that he shook outta the tree, I've met him.

If **Talent** always ate a snack at 10am and made for me a homemade lantern outta mason jars, I've met him.

If **Kid-tastic** took us to the fair and rode the carousel with my son cause I couldn't handle the spinning, I've met him.

If **Helpful** gave me his wife's preserves, a plate of cookies, and then worked for two days in the snow & sleet & rain with my husband,

I've met him.

If **Love** held my hands in his and called me "daughter" while he begged me not to move away, I've met him.

And then I left him.
And oh how I've missed him,
but I'm here now,

to say good-bye
...one last time.

By Darlene, Eric, and Wyatt Steffessen



*Quilt square designed
and submitted by Lilibell
Welter and Gwyn Ben-
son.*

Quilt 17, Block A1

CELEBRATING
Alysia Yamasaki

Portland, Oregon
Kidney Recipient
October 21, 1988

This quilt square does not honor just one person, but a community of people who have made my life possible; my donor, my donor's family, my mom, my family, my doctors, my friends and my community. My kidney has provided an excellent life for me over the last 16 years. Every day I am thankful for the decision one person made to become an organ donor, because they gave me life.

Quilt 17, Block B7



HONORING
The Brothers-in-Law of
Carol McGlaulin

Clockwise from left: Jim Fleming, Don LeBlanc, Jim Wyatt, and John Williams

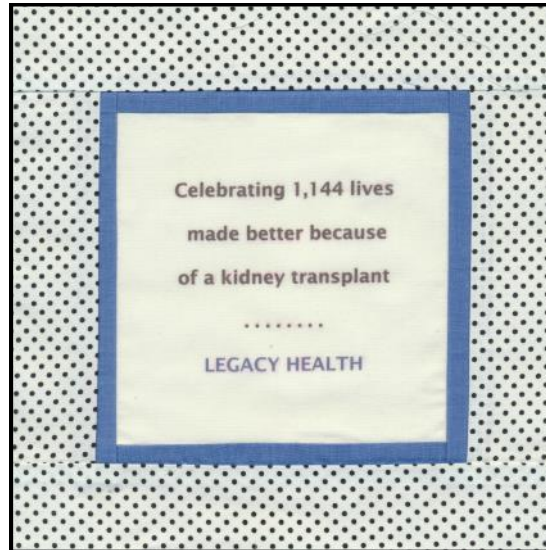
*Quilt squares designed and submitted by Carol McGlaulin.
Quilt 17, Blocks D4, F4, F6, D6*



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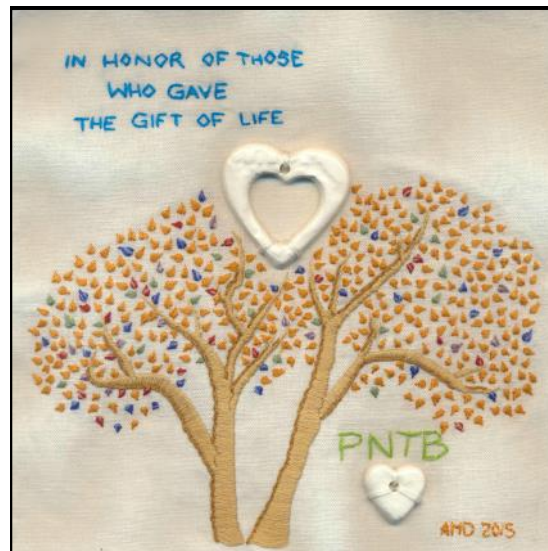
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*Designed/Submitted by Cari Bennett
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Quilt 17, Block G2



*Designed/Submitted by Amanda Dashner
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Quilt 17, Block D3

