

Threads of Life
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Richard Ray Church Jr. (Donor)



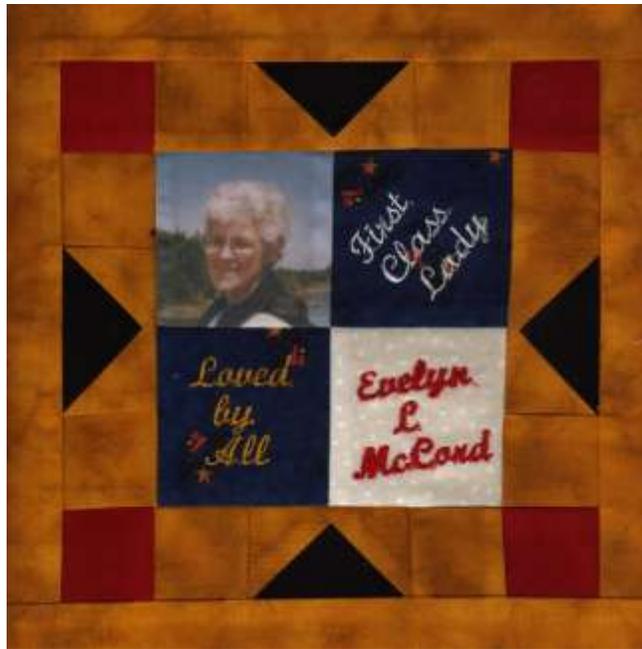
This quilt square is for Richard Ray Church Jr. He was funny and loved to laugh, joke and tease. Richard was artistic and creative with metal. He worked on cars and loved sports of all kinds. As a child he played Babe Ruth baseball, ping pong and was on the high school diving team. As an adult, he loved to play basketball on a team or one-on-one. He coached children's basketball for many years and loved to play pool. He was an avid Raiders and Lakers fan. Win or lose, they were his teams. He also enjoyed the holidays and family get-togethers. He always found time for his family. He shined wherever he went and will be forever loved and missed.

Eye Donation: June 7, 2007

Designed and submitted by Diann J. Pottorff (Mother)

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Evelyn L. McCord (Donor)



Evie McCord was born in Clarinda, Iowa. She moved with her family to Cozad, Nebraska where she attended elementary school and graduated from Cozad High School in 1962. The values she learned there she carried with her all of her life. A Christian, she was baptized into St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Cozad in 1963. Evie worked in newspapers in Nebraska before moving to Colorado in the late 1960s. She then moved to California where she began her career as a motor route carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. She was later a plant supervisor at the main post office in San Diego. In 1993 she transferred to the main Portland post office. She was with the U.S. Postal Service for 19 years and loved her job because she knew she was providing a vital public service. Evie died way too soon when she was only 63, and was a plant supervisor at the time of her death.

Evie cherished her family and friends. After a hard day at work, she treasured her quiet time. For her that was settling back with good coffee in her favorite cup with a book or crossword puzzle. She was one happy, contented lady.

July 3, 1943 – January 16, 2007

Designed by Peggy Wyatt and submitted by Pat Tague

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Scott Taylor Ginther (Donor)



This square is in honor of Scott Taylor Ginther who lost his life at 45 years on August 9, 2007. He was a donor. Patient, courageous and inspirational best described him. Because of his condition, he taught us all to value the human spirit. He was brave and inspired others to wear helmets when they skied. His patience taught others to slow down and not take themselves too seriously. He was an overall great man and we all miss him.

This quilt square is orange for his favorite color, with flowers for his passion.

August 9, 2007

Designed and submitted by Vergie Karlson (Loving Aunt)

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Joel Lynn Clark (Donor)



Joel Lynn Clark was born on March 11, 1977 in Longview, Washington to parents John Leslie and Sharon Kay Clark. He attended school in Clatskanie, Oregon and graduated from Clatskanie High School in 1995. He was baptized and confirmed at the Faith of Lutheran Church in Clatskanie. Joel was a member of the Boy Scouts for ten years, from Tiger Cubs through Eagle Scouts, and was nominated to Order of the Arrow. He played little league baseball, football, saxophone and wrestled in Jr. High. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, 4x4ing, playing his guitar, and he loved to cook. He was employed as a production manager at HygienicProducts in Vancouver for 5 years.

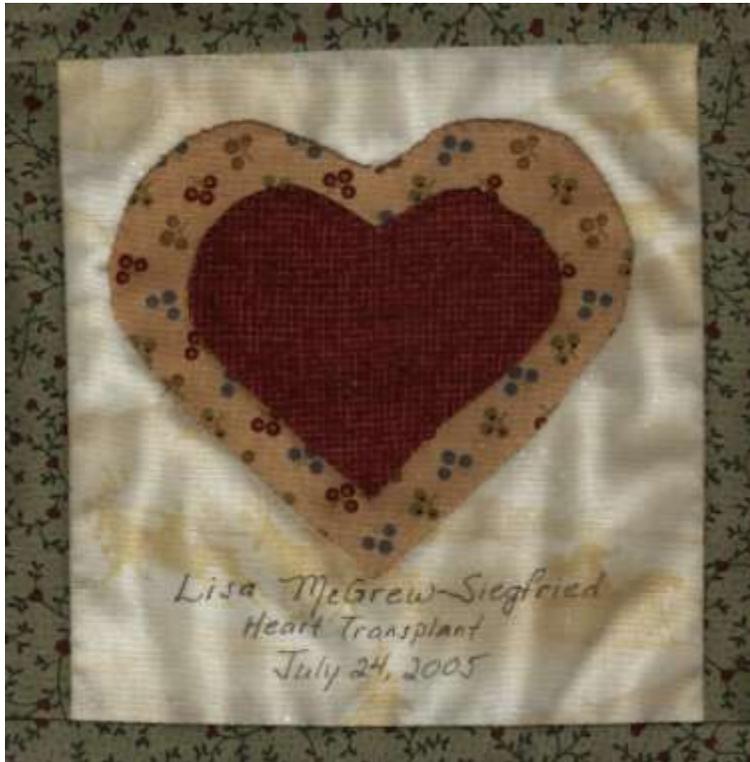
Joel developed Cardiomiopathy and passed away from an infection on September 15, 2007 at the age of 30. This Peace Dove was made in honor of him. He is survived by his parents, John and Sharon Clark; his grandmother, Marian Hefley; his brother, John Clark Jr.; his sister, Jill (Clark) Jacques; and his niece, Julia Clark.

Eye, Tissue and Bone Donation: September 15, 2007

Designed and submitted by Sharon Clark (Mother)

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Lisa McGrew-Siegfried (Recipient)



Lisa McGrew-Siegfried has proven that a person can have not just one, but two hearts of gold. This quilt square is presented in honor of her and the heart transplant she received on July 24, 2005.

Lisa's spirit has been an inspiration to all of those around her. After months and months surviving an illness, she now thrives. We are all thankful for the Providence Heart Clinic, Donate Life Northwest, and for the ultimate gift of a heart, making it possible for Lisa to still be with us. This heart square was made to represent Lisa's love of the outdoors and nature. The vines and plants are in Lisa's favorite colors of green, teal and maroon, along with other earthy and natural tones.

Heart Transplant: July 24, 2005

Designed and submitted by Kathryn and Sharon Karr

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Dolores Hamilton (Donor)



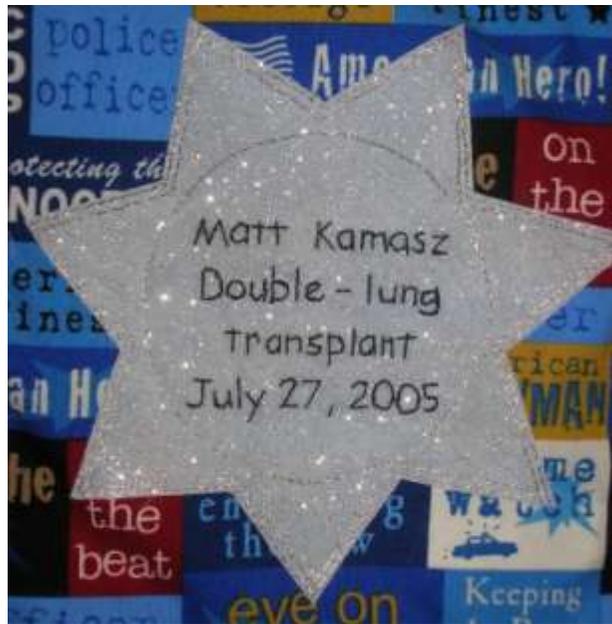
This quilt square was designed in loving memory of our mother Dolores Hamilton. It represents her love of reading, sewing, piano, the culture of Alaska, and her beloved Chihuahua. Dolores' eye donation provided corneas for two recipients.

Eye Donation: July 19, 2007

Designed and submitted by Lisa Ortega and Lola Wilson (Daughters)

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Matt Kamasz (Recipient)



Matt Kamasz was born May 4, 1971 in Portland, Oregon. He enjoyed an active lifestyle of cross-country running, tennis, traveling and hanging out with friends. After graduating from high school, he attended Portland Community College. His interest in law enforcement then led him to the Los Angeles Police Academy. Matt was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis/scleroderma in 1998. At that time, he was a few years into his career as a police officer. His disease progressed slowly at first until 2003 when his health began declining rapidly. He married his wife, Sarah, in August 2003. Matt received transplant care at the University of California-San Francisco. He waited thirty-six days on the transplant list before receiving his new lungs in July 2005.

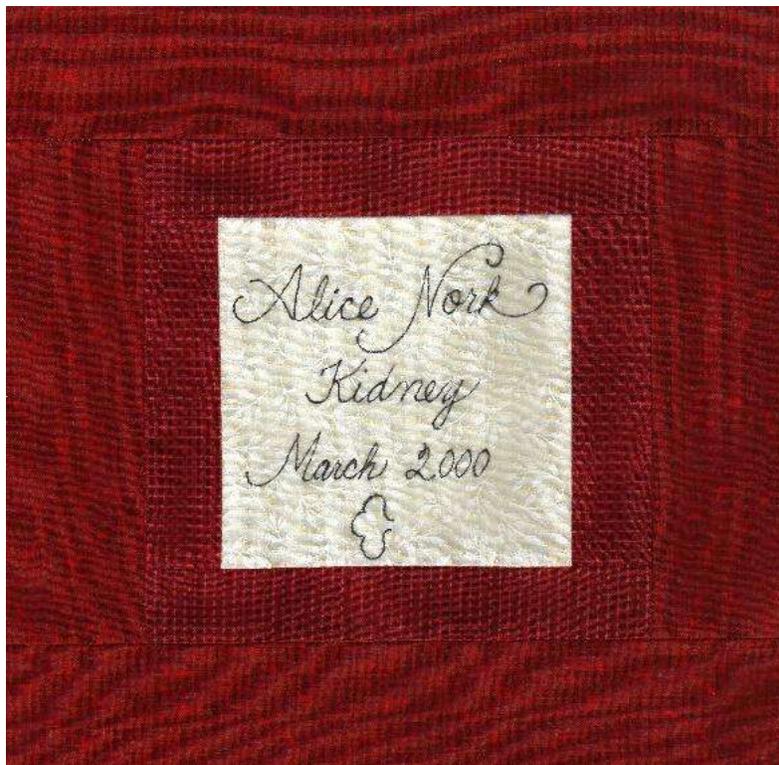
Less than a year later, Matt was a participant in the National Transplant Games. He currently works on his physical conditioning and training to return to police work while working full-time as a Civil Technician. To date, he does not know the identity of his donor's family, but offers immense gratitude for giving him the Gift of Life. This square represents Matt's police career and his goal of getting back to work.

Double Lung Transplant: July 25, 2005

Designed and submitted by Deborah Jones

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Alice Nork (Recipient)

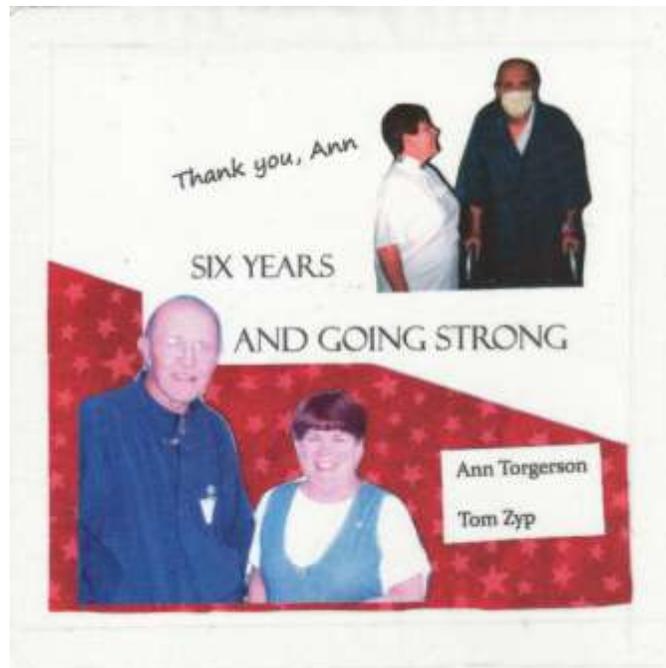


Kidney Transplant: March 2000

Designed and submitted by Alice Nork

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Ann Torgerson (Donor) and Tom Zyp (Recipient)



Janice and Tom Zyp met Ann and JV Torgerson when Janice and Ann taught together in the Hillsboro school district. In 2002, Tom found out he was in need of a kidney transplant and Janice mentioned to Ann and JV that she was not eligible to be a donor. Within minutes, both Ann and JV offered to donate one of their kidneys. The decision was made that Ann would be the donor. The successful transplant took place on July 22, 2002. Ann jokingly said she had to be back to school by the last week in August. Amazingly, Ann was back and teaching part time for the first two weeks of school. Both Ann and Tom have been in good health since the transplant. At one of their weekly Friday night dinners, the two couples planned a trip to Hawaii for spring vacation. During their trip, Ann and Janice increased the median income of many of the quilt shop owners on the islands, while JV and Tom visited many of Kauai's golf courses and kept the used golf ball hunters very busy.

Ann Torgerson is a life saver and a true friend. Ann and JV, we love you.

Living Kidney Donation and Transplant: July 22, 2002

Designed and submitted by Janice Zyp (Wife and Friend)

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David W. Clem (Donor)



A true patriot and hero for his country as a Navy Pilot, David Wendell Clem reached the rank of Commander before serving 22 years. In addition to making life-long Navy friends in each stop of his career, David would remodel and update every home with his family. With David being a “Jack of all Trades” we were able to do almost all of the work ourselves, from construction and welding to electrical and plumbing. David enjoyed auto restoration and woodworking, and in his later years, he built a computer from the ground up. As a volunteer for many organizations, David was always willing to help, and he never hesitated to drop what he was doing to help out a friend. David Clem left a lasting and positive impression on everyone he met.

David always liked the Peanuts comics, especially Snoopy as the Red Baron, who shared his love of flying. Our family dachshund was even named Red Baron. This quilt square is assembled in red, white and blue to show David Clem’s patriotism.

Eye Donation: December 3, 2006

Designed and submitted by Debbie Goodwin (Daughter)

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Judge Roderick McLean (Donor)



Judge Rod McLean was very proud of his Scottish heritage. The patch and plaid on this quilt square is from the McLean family crest and was made in honor of his passing on September 12, 2007. Judge Rod McLean had recently started his third term in Columbia County as Justice of the Peace. He loved family camping and fishing trips or any excuse for large family gatherings. His kids and grandkids were fond of spending the night when in town. They'd wake up to enjoy his famous biscuits and gravy, although not necessarily enjoying the 5 a.m. breakfast call served with them. Rod was loving, caring, compassionate, wise, well respected and devoted to his family and career. His warm personality and sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who knew and loved him. Even though Rod McLean is no longer with us, he will always be part of us.

Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation: September 12, 2007

Designed and submitted by Sandra, Debbie and Lynn McLean (Loving Family)

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Wilbert John Koivu (Donor)

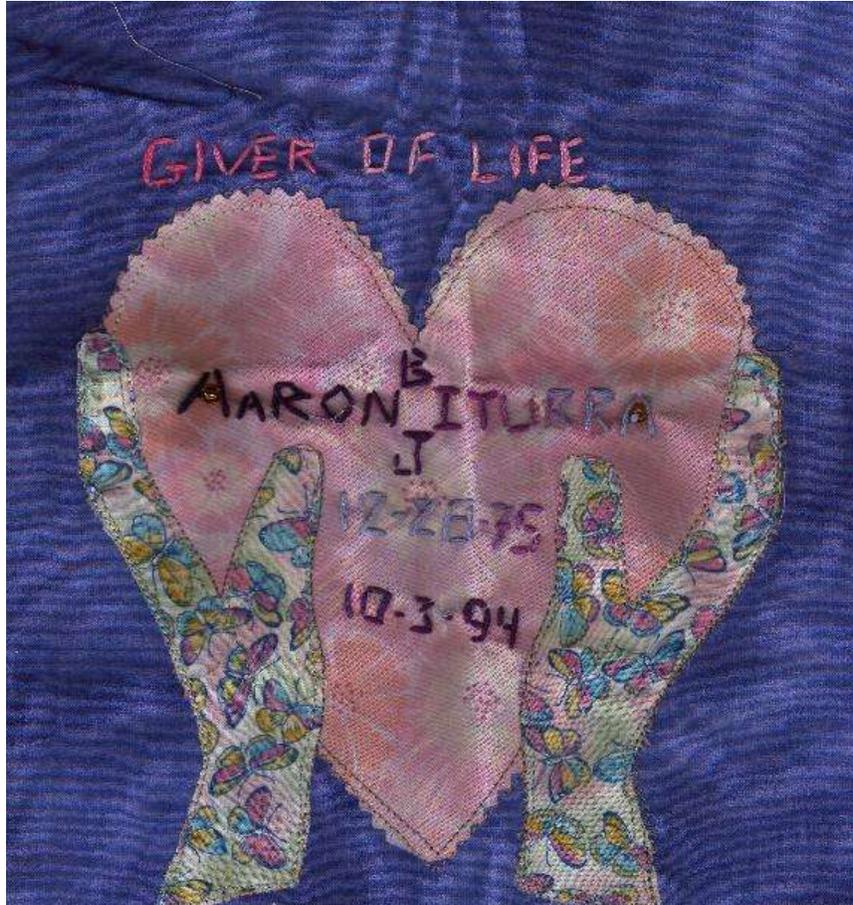


June 2, 1918 – May 22, 1999

Designed and submitted by Amelia Koivu

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Aaron Iturra (Donor)

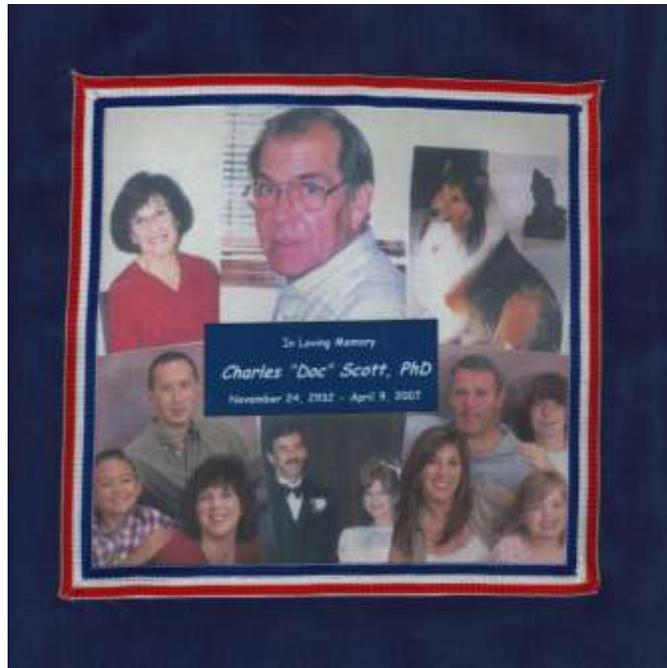


Kidneys, Heart and Pancreas Donation: October 3, 1994

Designed and submitted by Janyce Iturra (Mother)

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Charles "Doc" Scott (Donor)



Charles "Doc" Scott was born in Texas on November 24, 1932. He was enthusiastic about life and was known for his "can do" personality. He loved to help people and was an outstanding teacher. He spent four years in the Air Force with two tours of duty in Japan during the Korean War. On December 29, 1957, he married Dolores, whom he met while stationed at Great Falls, Montana. After a severe injury, he opted for college at age 28. He received his BS degree, a Masters in Animal Science and a PhD in Genetics. His first position at the University of Utah Medical School involved genetic research, teaching and heading the birth defects lab. He continued with research but eventually was self-employed as an environmental regulatory consultant. His interests ranged from raising mink, collecting coins and western belt buckles, aircraft history, charity work, classic Ford Mustangs, genealogy and teaching. He was a man of outstanding character who lived out his moral and Christian values. On April 9, 2007, Charles Scott went home to be with the Lord. He was a good father to a son and two daughters, a faithful and loving husband, and a grandfather that delighted his two grandchildren. His upbeat personality, sparkling blue eyes and loving hugs are missed everyday.

Corneas, Skin and Bone Donation: April 9, 2007

Designed and submitted by Dolores Scott (Wife)

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Howard Dean Porter (Donor)



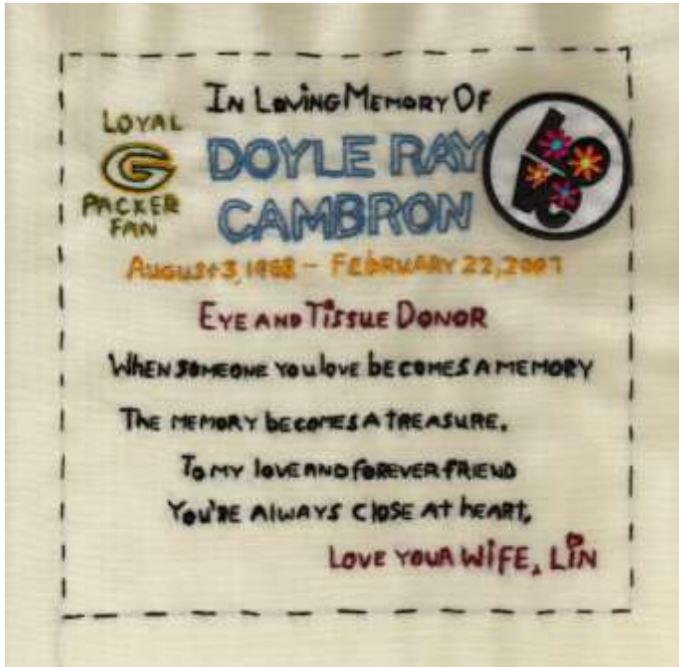
Howard would sit under two large cedar trees in his recliner with our dog nearby and watch the birds feed and squabble under the trees. Thus, this pattern of hearts, birds and trees seemed fitting for a quilt square in honor of Howard.

Eyes and Tissue Donation: May 29, 2007

Designed and submitted by Laura M. Porter

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Doyle Ray Cambron (Donor)



Doyle Ray Cambron never wanted special treatment because he was an amputee. He wanted to be seen as a whole person. He stood up for what he believed in and always did his best. Doyle was so much fun to be around, gifted with a real sense of humor and wit. But his sensitive side and sweetness could bring tears to your eyes. Often on weekends he would go to the store on crutches without his prosthetic. He'd often get looks from young children who would sometimes ask what happened to his leg. He'd reply, "Shark attack!"

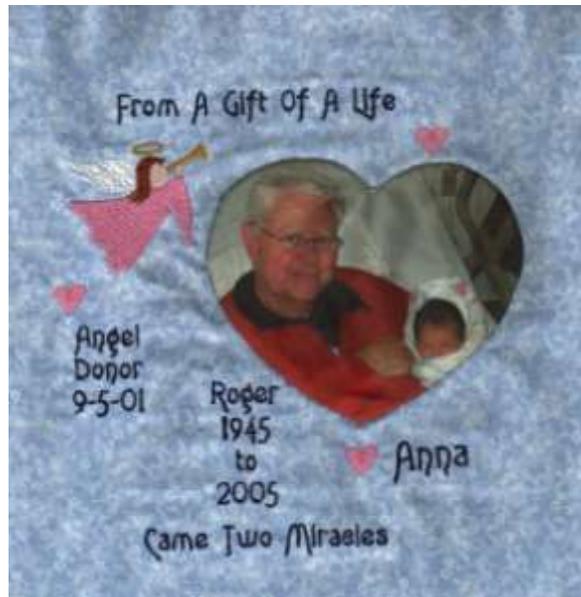
Doyle would often surprise his wife with cards, balloons and flowers. He was always in search for that perfect holiday or special occasion greeting card. The love they shared was strong and true. They were always there for one another when times got tough. Doyle gave his wife, Lin, the best 10 years of her entire life. He will be deeply missed, and always loved by her. They are still together, even after death, because of memories and a heart overfilled with the love that they shared.

Eyes and Tissue Donation: February 22, 2007

Designed and submitted by Lin Marie Cambron and Charlotte Gettig
(Wife and Mother-in-Law)

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Roger Bentz (Recipient)



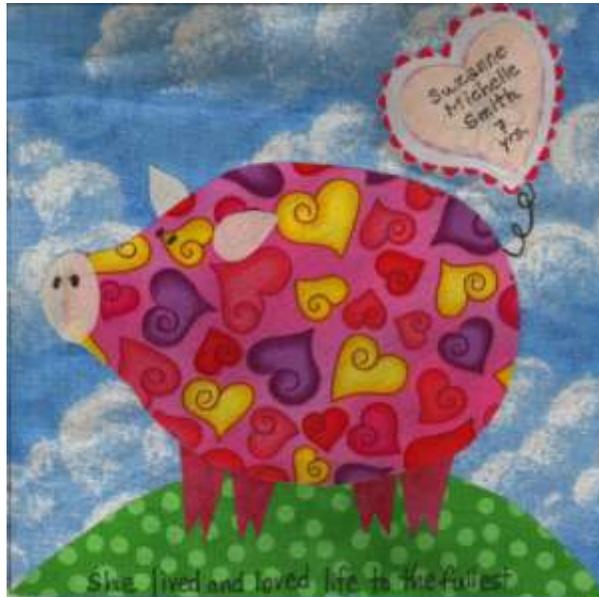
Roger received a life-saving lung transplant September 5, 2001 after being diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. Unfortunately, Roger developed an infection and kidney failure followed by the need for heart surgery. When we found ourselves expecting a baby, everyone was surprised because this conception was nothing short of a miracle! In addition to other post transplant complications, we were told Roger had B-Cell Lymphoma of the brain. We tackled the cancer like we did everything and then took a break from chemotherapy to welcome our daughter Anna in September of 2004. The picture of Roger with Anna on our quilt square is of their first meeting. The transplant allowed Roger three years of extended life. While we never learned about Roger's donor, we both dreamed that it was a girl. We always had it in the back of our mind that while we were celebrating life, a family was mourning their loved one. We wanted to make sure that our donor's memory would be honored. It is for this reason that a female angel is looking over the picture of Roger and Anna. While Anna will never know her father in the ways we had hoped, she will always know the story of how she came to be, the many stories about her father's life, and how organ donation made her life possible.

Lung Recipient: September 5, 2001

Designed and submitted by Marianne and Anna Bentz
(Loving Wife and Daughter)

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Suzanne Michelle Smith (Recipient)



Suzanne Michelle Smith was born January 8, 1985. She was a beautiful baby, but was born with a liver disease called biliary atresia and was missing her common bile duct. Her liver was so damaged by six weeks, she needed a liver transplant. She did, thankfully, receive a liver January 27, 1986 at the University of Nebraska. She had many complications at first, but then did very well for about four years. Suzanne then started into a chronic rejection which she fought for two years, without success, and needed another transplant. She received her second liver transplant August 26, 1992 from her mother who was a living donor. Suzanne didn't have rejection, but she had complications with an abscess infection. On October 26, 1992, she had exploratory surgery, and sadly, died in surgery. We are so thankful to our donor family and our transplant team, as we had Suzanne in our lives for almost seven years longer than we would have.

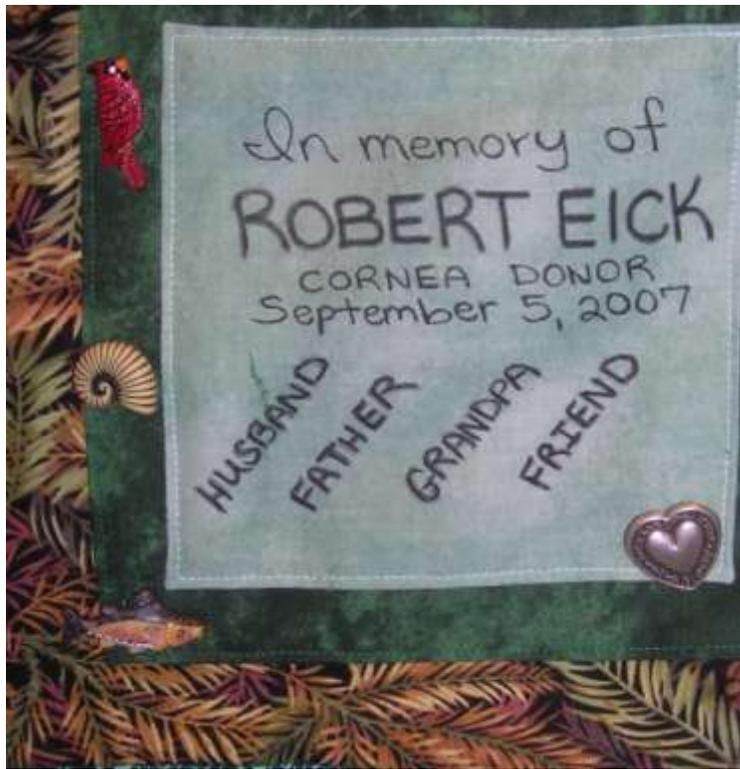
Suzanne was a beautiful girl on the inside and the outside and was always happy. She was strong-willed, funny, kind, and compassionate, and was wise beyond her years. She loved pigs and wanted a real pig. Suzanne's family is sure she is taking care of all the pigs in Heaven! We will always remember, miss and love her, and look forward to the day when we will be with her again.

Liver Recipient: January 27, 1986

Designed and submitted by Vickie Smith (Mother)

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Robert Eick (Donor)



This quilt square captures the true essence of how my father, Robert Eick, liked to spend his time. He took part in many outdoor activities, from fishing and camping to feeding birds and squirrels. He enjoyed nature, beautiful scenery and regular trips to the coast. This square also lists the important roles he held in his life. He was a husband to his high school sweetheart, a father to two daughters, a grandpa to a granddaughter and grandson, and a friend to many. My father will be truly missed and forever loved. His participation as a donor, and knowing he has helped provide the gift of sight for two individuals, has provided comfort to us during this difficult time without him. We're so proud of him for improving the quality of life for others.

Cornea Donor: September 5, 2007

Designed and submitted by Leasa Wilkens (Daughter)

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Terry Ferguson (Donor)



Terry Ferguson of Capitola, California, died November 23, 2007 while visiting family in Portland, Oregon. Terry, always a generous spirit, wanted to be an organ donor. Although his death was sudden, unexpected and occurred away from home, his donation wishes were honored by his family. As a result, one of his corneas was successfully transplanted to a recipient in December 2007. His family hopes that his tissue and bone were used as well.

This quilt square exhibits Terry's passion for fly fishing. Although he lived and worked in California, he fished rivers in southwestern Oregon for 40 years. His second home was a travel trailer parked on the banks of the Chetco River in Brookings. He enjoyed fishing for salmon and steelhead, whether he caught them or not. The friendships he made "on the river" lasted his lifetime.

Cornea Donor: November 23, 2007

Designed and submitted by Lee White Ferguson (Wife)

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Sierra Bingham (Recipient)



Sierra was diagnosed with idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy in May 2006 and was admitted to Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California in July. After a week in the hospital, she started experiencing signs of heart failure. By August 1st, Sierra hadn't eaten in 12 days and had various feeding tubes, heart monitors and IVs. Her family was told Sierra was not going to live much longer and it was recommended she be put on a device called the Berlin Heart. Her family wondered if they would ever see her awake again as she was scheduled for the risky surgery the next morning, August 3rd. At 1:30am, they received a call from the hospital. To their shock, Sierra had stabilized and a heart had become available. Sierra received her new heart at 6:30am. Her life was spared, thanks to the sacrifice of a family of a six year old boy named Nicholas. Today Sierra lives a happy and normal life. She wanted to make a square that had a heart for her heart transplant, and a green ribbon in recognition of organ donation. She also wanted to pay tribute to Nicholas and his family for their decision to donate during an unimaginably difficult situation.

Heart Transplant: August 3, 2006

Designed and submitted by Sierra Bingham

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Larry W. Moore (Donor)



Larry W. Moore was born into this world July 19, 1936 and taken from us September 17, 2007.

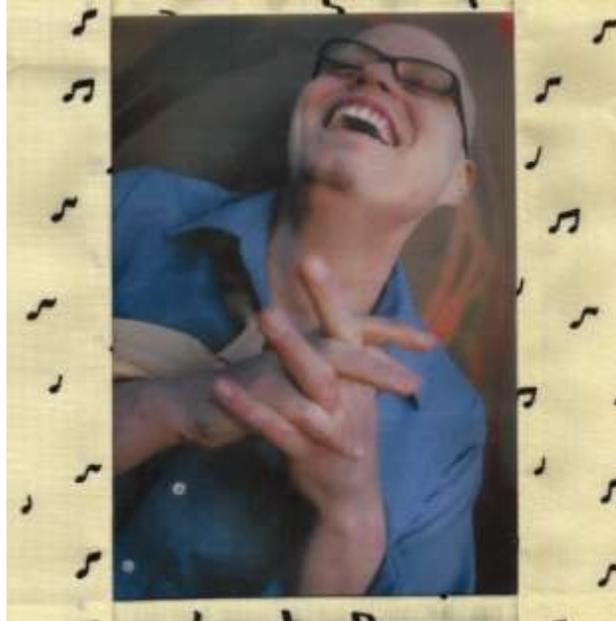
*Quietly we are remembering you, in the silence of our hearts.
Each thought of you, a treasure, while we are now apart.
At times, we are filled with longing; your face we would love to view.
We long to feel your warmth, to hear your voice and to be here with you.
But God has a plan; he created you and numbered your days.
May he hold you in his loving arms and surround you with his grace.
With the hope of reunion in Heaven one day, we entrust you in His care.
Your life was a gift with cherished memories we all had a chance to share.
Memories of you will live forever within our hearts.
May you forever be at peace.*

Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation: September 2007

Designed and submitted by Eileen Moore (Wife)

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Shane Edward Asbery (Donor)



Shane Edward Asbery was born June 10, 1977 in Rolla, Missouri and graduated from Rolla High School in 1995. In 2004, he moved to Portland, Oregon to pursue a career in music with his wife and writing partner, Maggie Brown. Along side Jonathan Kreitler, they formed the rock band My Favorite Everything. Shane was a phenomenal bassist and the main song writer for the group. After being diagnosed with cancer in 2006, Shane wrote a song called “Stare” while going through chemotherapy treatment. It features his powerful and moving vocal performance with the words: *“Life is a consequence and it is given to make you stare.”*

Shane passed away June 18, 2007 due to complications of Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Shane had just turned 30 and he and his band had just released their first album, “Wide Awake.” He went peacefully with his wife, family and friends by his side and the album he worked so hard to create playing in the background. The CD serves as a lasting tribute to his life and his legacy. We will never lose his voice and never forget how he looked when he threw his head back and laughed. He will remain forever young, forever talented and forever our Shaneybear.

Cornea Donation: June 18, 2007

Designed and submitted by Spring Hayes

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Everett Earl Willard (Donor)



Earl was an active, intelligent, good-natured, and quiet person. He had a great sense of humor, and if I might add...he was good looking! He hand-made miniature furniture, cross stitched pictures, played a decent game of golf, collected antique toys, and was an excellent gardener. We lived in the same house for 42 years and he was a very caring husband. Earl had a strong sense of community support and was a courier for the Lions Eye Bank.

This quilt square represents his beautiful blue eyes and the love he shared with his friends and family. He was the light of my life, which is what the candle symbolizes. Earl actually cross stitched the center piece of this quilt last year. He is irreplaceable. As difficult as it was to lose my husband, I was so happy to know that someone could benefit from his decision to be a donor.

Cornea Donation: July 25, 2007

Designed and submitted by Shannon Willard (Wife)

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George “Woody” Johnson (Donor)



Woody Johnson was born September 21, 1938 in Portland, Oregon. As an eight year old at Kenton Grade School, Woody collected newspapers and was commended for his recycling efforts. He later attended Jefferson High School and was the youngest person hired at the U.S. Post Office, where he worked 35 years before retiring in 1992. As an advocate of recycling, he continued collecting newspapers, cardboard, office papers, aluminum cans and scrap metal, even after retirement. And so it seemed fitting that his body also be recycled and used for the benefit of someone in need following his death.

Woody had a servant's heart and spent many hours volunteering at church events. This block remembers and honors Woody and his "Golden Heart." The square is paper pieced, using different gold fabrics.

Cornea Donation: May 18, 2007

Designed and submitted by Linda Johnson

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Jerry Smith (Donor)



This quilt square was made for my dearest Jerry Smith, born May 6, 1953. He loved life and his family to the fullest and enjoyed computers, fishing, and singing, writing and playing music.

He passed away April 21, 2007.

Eye and Skin Donation: April 21, 2007

Designed and submitted by Barbara Smith (Wife)

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Michael Nohrenberg (Recipient)



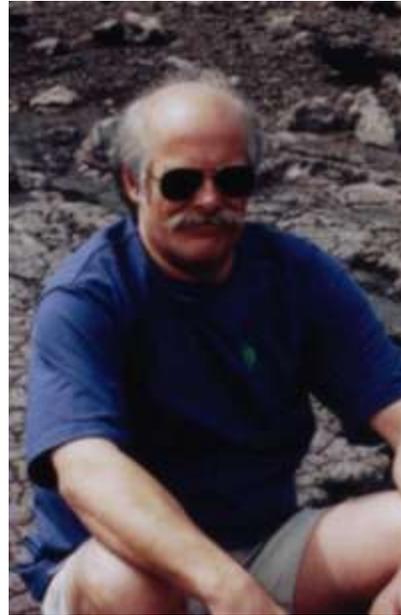
Donation and transplantation are close to our hearts and integral parts of our lives. A donor saved Michael's life and made our life together possible. He received a kidney and pancreas transplant in August 1998. We met when LaVena was working for, and Michael was volunteering at Donate Life Northwest. LaVena was passionate about donation, having seen so many lives saved by a transplant and knowing first-hand the peace and comfort donation brings to a donor's family. Being given the opportunity to be a wife to the great love of her life has made donation even more personal. Before his transplant, Michael was praying to live long enough to see his three kids graduate from high school. Now Michael is living for so much more. He wants to continue to love, guide and celebrate the wonderful adults his children have become. He wants to spend many years living life and loving LaVena, whom he calls his Soul Partner. We have dedicated ourselves to living a life of gratitude. Everyday we celebrate Michael being a father to his kids, a loving partner to his wife, an involved community member, and a special loved one to many family and friends.

Kidney and Pancreas Transplant: August 1998

Designed and submitted by LaVena Nohrenberg (Wife)

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James Martin Cox (Donor)



Jim Cox was my best friend and my husband. The star in the middle of this square is a friendship star. The hearts are for the love we shared. The four corners are Forget-Me-Nots, Alaska's state flower. I bought the fabric on one of our trips there. The blue represents our love of going on cruises. When Jim wrote me notes or cards, he always signed them J.C.S.S. He was my Super Star.

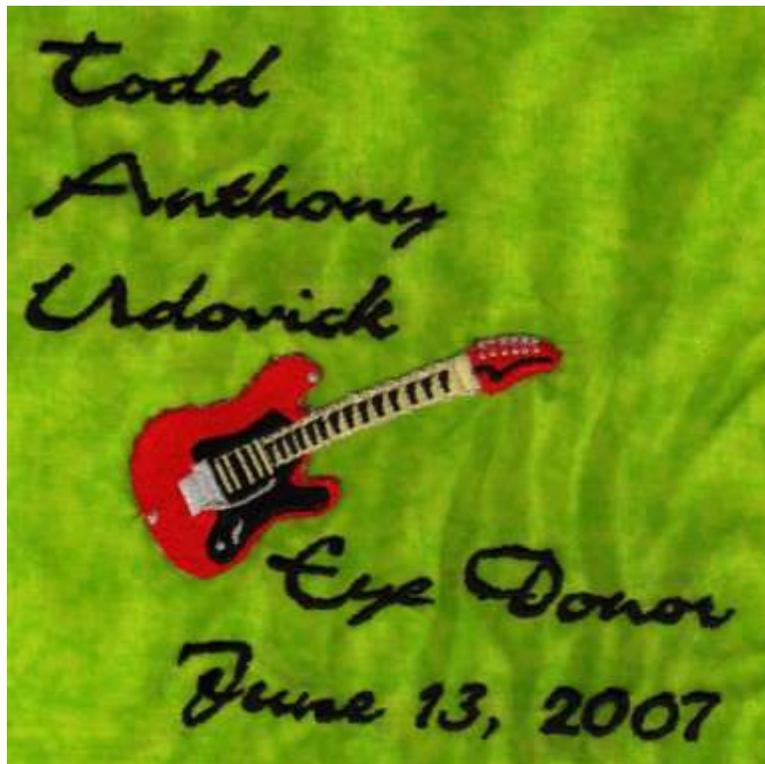
Jim was originally from the Chicago area and moved to Oregon in 1978. We met while he was painting the Pizza Hut where I worked. We were fortunate to have 28 years together. I'm told that time flies when you are having fun, and we did have fun together. We laughed a lot. Jim had an off the wall sense of humor and a very deep voice. Jim was a hard worker and he repaired and refinished furniture. He built me many things, including a quilt frame from a 1930's pattern. Jim appreciated all hand crafts and loved my quilts. He was my biggest fan. Jim was always there to help me and others with any project or problem. This is why he decided to be a donor. Jim was a good, honest man, and I miss him very much.

Eye Donation: June 18, 2007

Designed and submitted by JoAnn Cox (Wife)

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Todd Anthony Udovick (Donor)



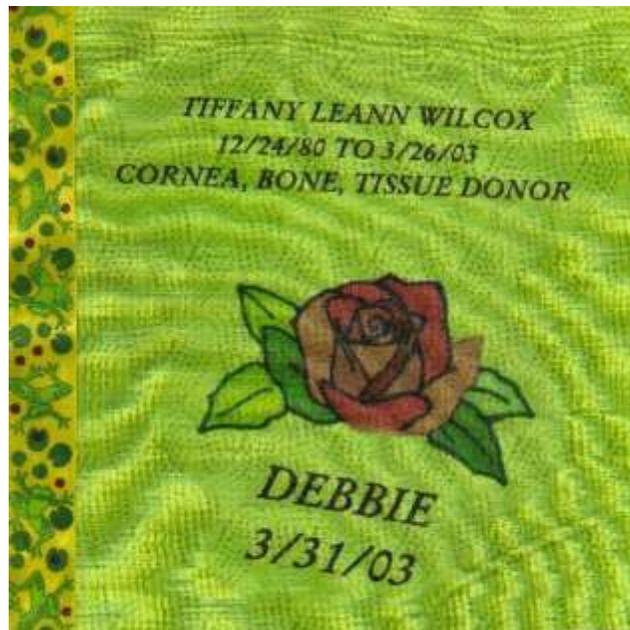
Todd's square was designed as a family affair: his mother, Sara Lea, picked out the material. Bright green was Todd's favorite color. His sister, Thea Ray, found the embroidered guitar. And his aunt, Micki Gutzman, did the embroidery. Todd died June 13, 2007 of kidney failure and he gave his eyes so someone else could regain sight. Todd was a musician. He played guitar, bass, keyboards, drums and harmonica. He was the youngest of four children. Those who knew Todd referred to him as the nicest guy they knew. He was friendly, funny, clever, sensitive, generous and always ready to help. He was quite knowledgeable in many areas and was a marvelous cook. His family misses him everyday.

Eye Donation: June 13, 2007

Designed and submitted by Sara Lea, Thea Ray and Micki Gutzman (Family)

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Tiffany Leann Wilcox (Donor)



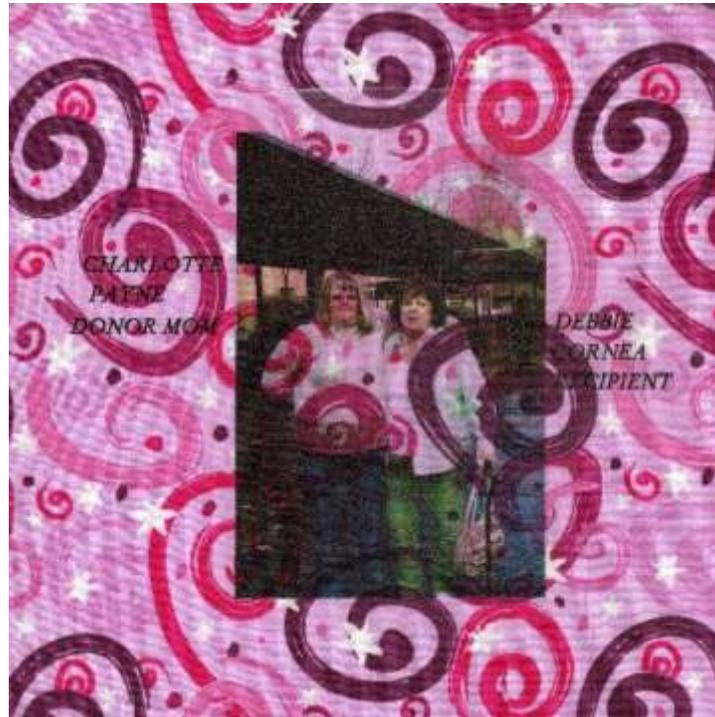
Tiffany Leann Wilcox “the best Christmas present ever” was born January 24, 1980. From the time she was born, Tiffany was always on the go, never a quiet child. Growing up she spent time with her Aunt Sylvia while I was at work and learned generosity from her aunt, who was a foster parent. She also watched as I worked as a nurse in long-term care and for the elderly. Once old enough to baby sit, her summers were spent doing exactly that. Tiffany always enjoyed having children around her. She also spent time working in the kitchen of a nursing home before deciding to become a CNA. Tiffany cared as much for the elderly and disabled as she did the young. In the spring of 2002, she became a CNA. Tiffany was in a car accident on March 3, 2003 and of the other three cars involved, she was the only one injured. She suffered severe brain trauma. On March 25th, we were informed that she had suffered two major strokes and that very little brain function was left. The decision was made for Tiffany to die with dignity. Tiffany left us on March 26th at the age of 22 years. With all the family gathered together, it was decided that due to Tiffany’s caring attitude, she would want to be a donor. And we made the right decision. The day after her death, I went to her car for the first time since the accident and found her driver’s license, which had a “D” on it.

Cornea, Tissue and Bone Donation: March 26, 2003

Designed and submitted by Charlotte Payne (Mother)

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Debbie (Recipient)



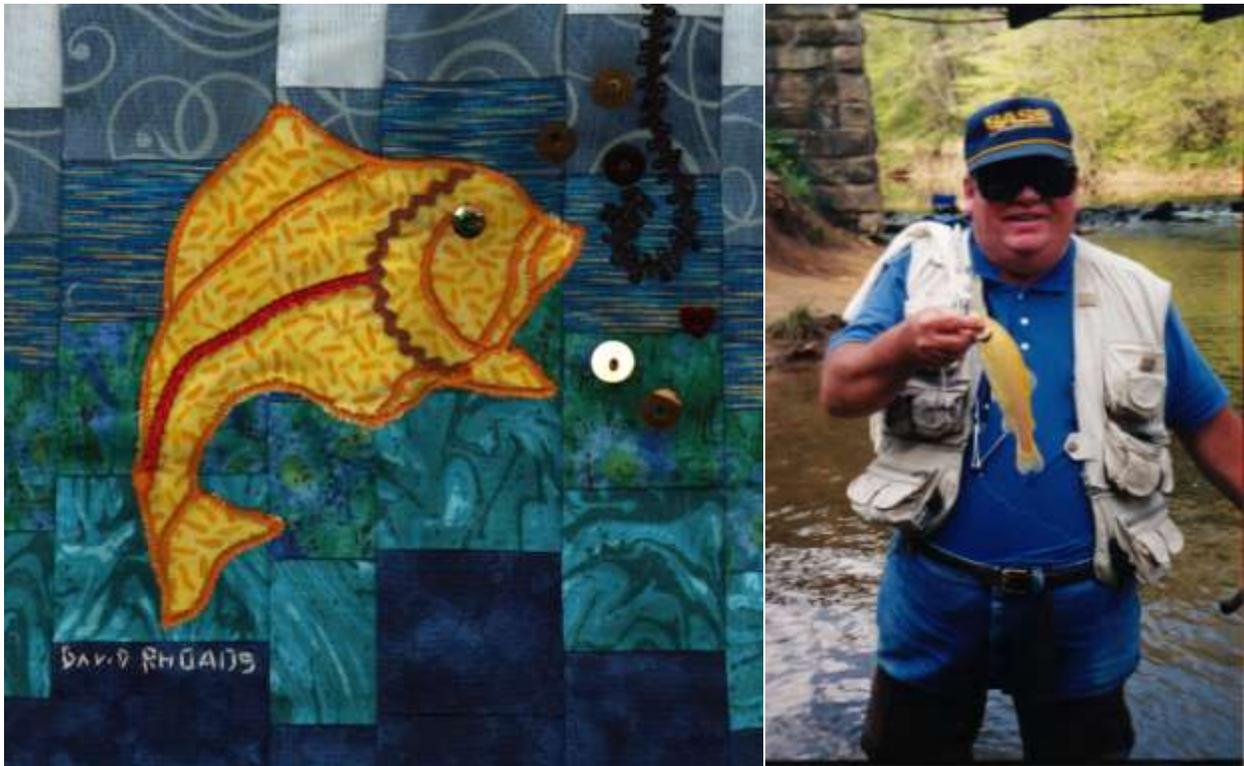
On Mother's Day 2003, I sat down and wrote two notes, one to each of my daughter's cornea recipients. Approximately six months later, I received a letter from one of them, a woman named Debbie. Since then, I have been blessed to continue to correspond with Debbie. We now speak on the phone, and on November 25, 2006, we met each other for the first time. I am so grateful to have Debbie as part of my life. I know that any time I think of my daughter and need to hear a friendly voice, I can call Debbie. On bad days it is so wonderful to know that my daughter is still alive through Debbie and helping others out too. Debbie tells a wonderful story of when after her cornea transplant, she gathered her young grandchildren together so she could read to them for the first time. She sat on the couch, grandchildren around her and books in hand and stated "Nana's going to read to you." Their initial response was "Nana, you can't read." But now she can. What an amazing story to know that my daughter's cornea gave her this wonderful gift.

Cornea Transplant: Spring 2003

Designed and submitted by Charlotte Payne (Donor Mother)

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David Charles Rhoads (Donor)



This quilt square is in memory of my husband David Charles Rhoads of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who donated his corneas and tissue. The square represents David's love of fishing and traveling. The deep blue of the water represents the waters of Crater Lake, where he loved to visit. The heart represents the love he shared with his family.

Cornea and Tissue Donation: September 5, 2007

Designed and submitted by Marian Bollman, Mary Jane Smoley,
and his wife, Mary Rhoads

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Deanna Rae Schindler-Lock (Donor)



My mother, Deanna Rae Schindler-Lock, cut out Sunbonnet Sue to make a quilt. I put her on yellow fabric with flowers because she loved the color yellow and she loved flowers. My mother had been a nurse for 35 years and felt it was important to donate any organs she could. I know she is proud that she could help two people who were facing a dark future to see again.

Eye Donation: May 18, 2007

Designed and submitted by Karen Smith (Daughter)

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Bethany Marie Ferguson (Donor)



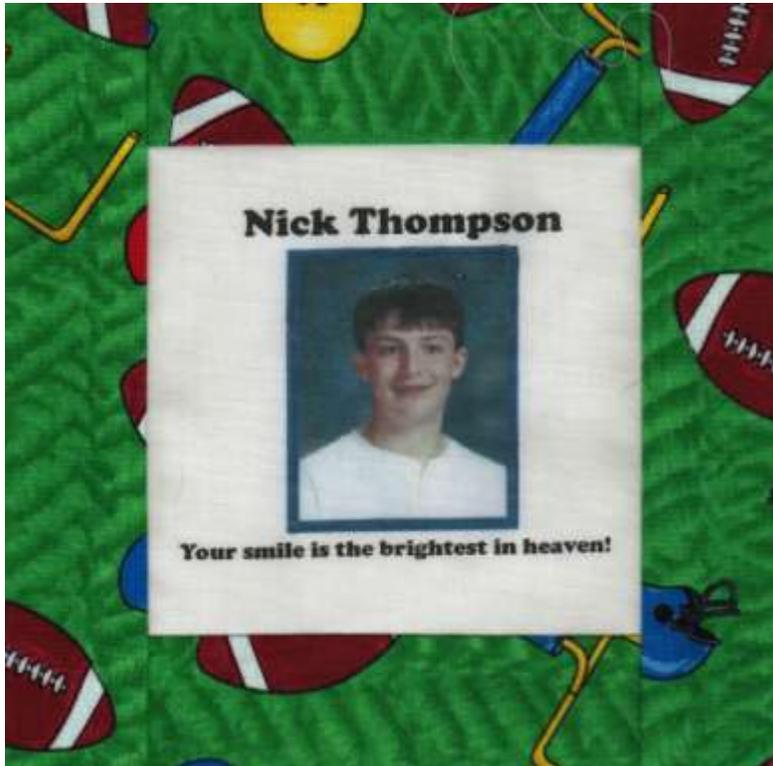
Bethany Marie Ferguson was born June 13, 1972 and died December 21, 2006. She will be forever loved and forever remembered.

Donation: December 21, 2006

Designed and submitted by Roger Ferguson (Husband)

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Nicholas Ray Thompson (Donor)



Nicholas was born November 30, 1990. In 1998 he moved to Lebanon, Oregon with his dad, step mom and little brother. He was a happy, funny, caring and respected kid who was known for his smile and sense of humor. Nicholas excelled in sports, especially football, and his dream was to play for his favorite team, the Oregon State Beavers. He also loved hunting, fishing, camping and being outdoors. He was on honor roll and took advanced classes in school. He was baptized Catholic and liked to volunteer to do the readings and be the alter server during mass. Father Paul said "he was the only youngster that never had to be prodded to confession." On December 30, 2006, a driver hit Nicholas on the side of the road. We all miss him very much. His smile will always be the brightest star in heaven.

Heart, Liver, Eye and Skin Donation: December 31, 2004

Designed and submitted by Becky Thompson (Step Mother)

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Glenn Orville Westby (Donor)



Our square is a log cabin set in the woods with a fire burning and a moose standing next to a river. Our father, Glenn Westby, loved the outdoors and life itself. He lived a good life as a dental technician. He had eight children and adopted three more. Glenn lived in Alaska for several years and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling with his kids. He was a fun, happy man and a wonderful grandfather and great-grandfather. He moved back to his home town in Oregon in the early 90s and passed away January 10, 2007. We all miss his laughter and his smile. We love you Daddy, and miss you dearly.

Eye Donation: January 10, 2007

Designed and submitted by Dianna Ball, Deborah Phillips,
Donna Westby, Darla Hodgdon, Randy Westby, Glenn Westby Jr.,
Lori Dow and Michael Westby (Children)

Dedication

Donate Life Northwest dedicates this book to the families who have given the gift of life and to those whose lives have been saved and healed by donation. We thank everyone for sharing their heartfelt stories, memories and contributions to the Threads of Life Quilt. Their courage and commitment is felt by all those who view the quilt and this book.

