

THREADS  
OF  
LIFE  
QUILT SCRAPBOOK  
(QUILT TWELVE)

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# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Nellie Mondell (Recipient)

May 1929 - October 2008

Kidney Recipient 1974



This stained glass image is one of 33 one-of-a-kind “kidney birthday” gifts given to Nellie by her husband each December to celebrate her gift of life.

She wanted to give back after her transplant and worked as a secretary in Dr. Barry’s OHSU office. She also was a founding secretary of the Oregon Donor Program (now Donate Life Northwest) and she travelled with a transplant nurse speaking about the importance of being an organ donor.

Nellie died from Hepatitis C contracted after receiving a tainted blood transfusion when blood was not yet being screened.

Nellie appreciated and loved every day of life she received because of the “gift of life.”

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Joe Mondell, Husband

**Quilt 12 - Block D2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Wernold Rayburn (“Ray”) Graff (Donor)

January 10, 1936 - August 29, 2008

Organ and Tissue Donor



May 31, 2008



Ray with Great-Granddaughter, Lilith  
and Great-Grandson, Jonathan



Ray and Skeets

Ray was born January 10, 1936 in Perryville, MO. He and his wife of 54 years, Eleanor, had 3 children: daughter Kathleen and husband Steve Miller of Reedsport; son Richard of Portland, son Victor who preceded Ray in death in 1964.

Ray and Eleanor also have three grandsons and three great grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was involved in the lives of many children, who called him “Papa”. Ray’s joy in life was children. He never met one he didn’t love and adore, just as they loved and adored him.

Ray retired from Hanna Cara Wash Systems International in 1998 after a 20+ year career.

At his request, Ray was an organ and tissue donor so that many lives could be benefited.

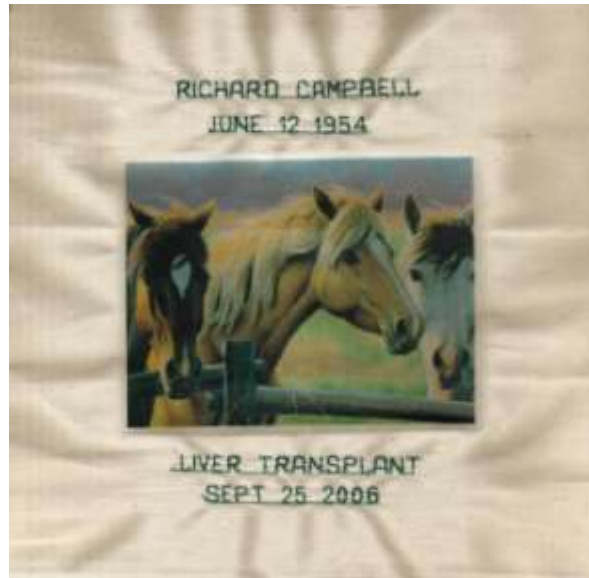
The quilt block was designed by Ray’s cousin, Patricia (Erwin) Moll of Perryville, MO, who has won many ribbons for her beautiful quilts. When I became aware of the opportunity to make a quilt block for the Threads of Life donor family and recipient quilt, I knew Patricia would make a block that would not only be wonderful, but would also honor Ray in a lasting tribute. Patricia graciously agreed to make this quilt block and the family is pleased that memories of Ray will live on through the Threads of Life Quilt.

Quilt Square Designed By Patricia (Erwin) Moll, Cousin  
Quilt Square Submitted by Eleanor Graff, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block E2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Richard Campbell (The Cowboy) (Recipient)  
Liver Recipient, September 25, 2006



Richard was born at the Naval Hospital in Port Royal, South Carolina June 12, 1954, and lived with his parents Fred and Jeanette Campbell, brother Donald and sister Kathleen in East Hartford, CT for many years. Rich was active in Boy Scouts and his church while growing up. He became a Life Scout, and received the Order of the Arrow and God and Country Awards.

Following his graduation from East Hartford High School in 1972, Rich joined the army and served in Germany as a mechanic in a Motor Transport Group. Upon returning to the States in 1976, Rich moved to Colorado with a friend. He has resided in the West ever since working mostly as a mechanic or in the building trades.

In 1996 Rich purchased his first horse from the Bureau of Land Management, a Mustang captured and “broken” to be a saddle horse. “Rae, Rae” is still with him and has born two colts, Ace and Ed.

The picture on the quilt depicts these horses, Rae, Rae on the left, Ace on the right and Ed in the middle. This is Rich’s family. He also has an Australian Cattle dog, Rose, who is faithful and loving as are his horses. Rich will always have animals; they are his comfort. Rich loves being a cowboy, riding his horses and working them to make a living.

Rich and his family are ever grateful to the Veteran’s Administration for his care throughout his bout with Hepatitis C and through the miracle of his liver transplant.

**Quilt 12 - Block A4**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Paul Pantle (Donor)  
September 18, 1971 - May 22, 2007  
Organ and Eye Donor



Donate Life Northwest has given us more than I ever could have thought. Paul saved four lives through organ donation and gave two people sight. I have communicated with three of his recipients and can only imagine that being given a second chance at life is a gift beyond expression. I wish only the best for those Paul's life has touched - so many in so many ways...

When Paul entered a room, you did not need to see him to know he was there. His laughter preceded him, and he always wanted everyone to be having a good time. He had a deep passion for life. Paul loved his children and his desire to be a good father was at the center of his life. His soul mate and wife Dawn completed him. Family reunions, karaoke, Halloween, ATV's and just having fun were some of the things that gave him so much pleasure.

If Paul called you friend, he would be there for you and do what he could to help.

The flame is gone but we cherish the light and joy of Paul's memory and see him in all five of his children. Often I still find myself thinking of something I want to tell him only to realize I can't. We will never forget.

Donor or recipient, reach out and tell your story. It helps with the healing. Others are blessed by each one. This way the gift is paid forward endlessly.

Quilt Square Submitted by Dotty Pantle, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block F7**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Signe Wallis (Recipient)  
Kidney Recipient



I am a 67 year old great-grandma from Portland, Oregon. To my great surprise, I received my kidney September 4, 2009. Because I have many antibodies in my blood, I wasn't hopeful. The kidney is a "perfect" match, and I feel like I'm 40 years old.

I made my quilt square to honor my anonymous donor. I chose the Ohio Star pattern because my kidney came from Cincinnati, Ohio. The material reminds me of fireworks and celebration, and, boy, do I have a lot to celebrate! Last, and most important, the heart in the middle represents my generous donor and family. I am so grateful to this person, and wanted to honor them in some way. I appreciate this opportunity to do so.

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Signe Wallis

**Quilt 12 - Block F2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Bradley Jordan (Donor)  
1975-2003  
Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor



Brad was a middle child or the filling as we called him. He enjoyed people and always liked helping them. Donation for him was a natural step.

He loved practical jokes and always wanted everyone to get along with one another. The last year of his life he really found God and was happier and more content than I ever remembered him being.

Quilt Square Submitted by Linda Jordan, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block F4**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Mearl D. Findley (Donor)  
February 11, 1945 – July 7, 2009  
Eye and Tissue Donor



Mearl Findley was a man of great pride and honor, raised on a farm in Iowa who started doing chores as a young child, feeding chickens and hogs, milking cows, and baling hay. When Mearl joined the US Navy at 18, he became a submarine sailor and a missile tech. He enjoyed the 20 years he served his country and saw many beautiful sights through his travels.

Mearl met a girl from Texas while she was on vacation in Hawaii. They fell in love and married six months later. During their 34 year marriage, they had two wonderful sons. Mearl loved the outdoors and took up running - not just running, but running marathons, winning many trophies in his age group.

When medical reasons prevented him from running, Mearl rode motorcycles with our sons for a short time. Then came the biking, which he loved as well. He would bike to work and back and look at the beautiful trees in the neighborhood. Eventually he had to start walking but also loved that.

Mearl never let any of this get him down. He was just happy he could still have something to do – enjoy the wonders of the outdoors. His walks were short at first, pushing our young grandson in the stroller to a duck pond close by; he added distance as he got more energy. He was indeed a nature lover. He became an avid birdwatcher with our little grandson and started going to watch the diggers.

Mearl lived life to the fullest as if every day might be his last. His last day was spent chairing an AA meeting. He had been a member for 40 years. I was so proud of my husband and loved him dearly and I miss him with all my heart.

Now you know about this wonderful man who donated his cornea and tissue to help others through his death.

Quilt Square Submitted by Katie Findley, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block F5**



# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Jillian Marie Cummings (Donor)  
April 15, 2002 – May 27, 2006



Jillian was and always will be my first born grandchild, my first born granddaughter, the love of my life. She was very smart, was one and a half years ahead of her age and went to Head Start. With her long blond hair and her beautiful big blue eyes, she is my sunshine forever...

When Jillian was in her mommy's belly, I would sing to her "You are my Sunshine." My daughter Tamera and Jillian's father also were killed by the drunk driver. Tamera moved back home just before Jillian was born and they were living with me when they were taken. Even though Jillian was my granddaughter, she was like my daughter to me. She was just like her mother when she was a little girl. There's so much to say about my Jillian, my pudding and girl forever and forever and ever. I always sang to her and her to me "You are my sunshine." We prayed together. She always wanted to be with her Nana.

She will always be remembered.

Quilt Square Submitted by Barbara Schneider, Grandmother

**Quilt 12 - Block F1**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Henry Lee Bruce Jr. (Donor)  
January 23, 1931 – February 6, 2008  
Eye, Skin, Bone and Tendon Donor



As a young child Henry would say he was always in fear of not knowing where his next meal would come from and how determined he was to be on his own by age 14. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade he dropped out of school and met and married our mother at age 18. After three children were born, he worked very hard growing cotton, got his plumbing license, and worked for a construction company. When he realized this wasn't enough to sustain his family, he decided to look for work in other states and started as a plumber and then went to construction. This eventually led our family to California where he worked for one of the largest construction companies and became Man of the Year for the Western region in 1986.

Our father retired at age 57 and purchased 20 acres of raw land. He built a beautiful home and enjoyed 20 years on the place he called paradise. When his three children or his grandchildren and great-grandchildren would visit, he would always say "Just another day in paradise."

Then he would say "I FEEL SO FORTUNATE TO BE HERE TODAY."  
Love from, Mike, Delores and Ron

The square itself is from a 1950 cottonseed sack our mama had kept all these years with Lubbock Texas written on it. The material used to make the designs was from our grandmothers (father's mother) quilting pieces. The gold thread represents our father's favorite hobby, gold panning and dredging.

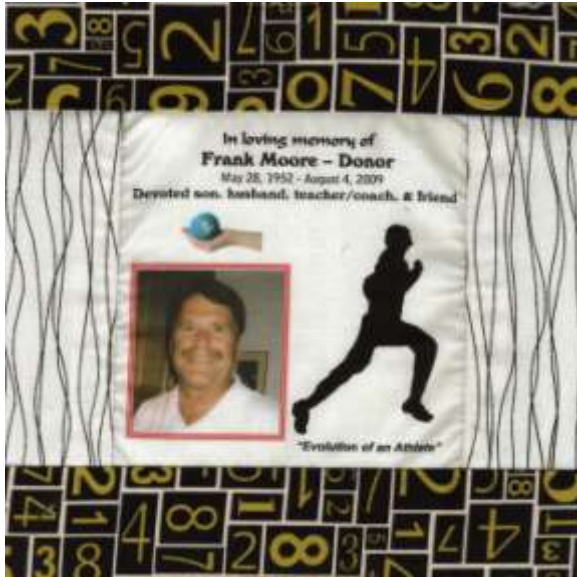
Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Delores Kennedy, Daughter

**Quilt 12 - Block E6**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Frank Joseph Moore (Donor)  
1952 - 2009

Kidney Donor, Liver Donor for Liver Disease Research



Frank Moore, one of five children, grew up and lived in Eugene, Oregon except for his time in the service. He began running at age fourteen and continued to run throughout his life. He suffered a heart attack doing what he enjoyed - running up Spyglass early one morning on a summer day. He was only 57 years old.

Frank channeled his energy into becoming a teacher and coach. He was a natural! He was much loved by his students and athletes. He coached basketball with the help of his brother Jim for many years, then settled into coaching track and field. He was very involved with track and field at the University of Oregon as well, acting as a marshall during local meets. He was one of those people who knew all the statistics, fastest times, world records, etc. He knew a lot of trivia! He also knew how to get the most out of his students and athletes. He was respected for his knowledge, his love of kids, and his great sense of humor. He had a quick wit and a twinkle in his eye!

Frank would say his greatest legacy is the two young men he left behind. They were his pride and joy, and he was devoted to them. He loved being a dad, and everyone knew how proud he was of them. Both boys are excellent students and athletes.

Frank Joseph Moore touched many lives and made a difference. The gifts he gave to help other people live in turn inspired people we know to become donors. Amazing what a chain of events one life can start! We all miss Frank and his wonderful smile! He will never be forgotten.

Quilt Square description: The threads (lines in the fabric) depict Frank's life and his love for his family and friends. The globe represents his history teaching career. The numbered fabric represents his commitment to coaching cross country and his love of sports, especially running. The phrase 'An Evolution of an Athlete' and the runner was Frank's design for an event.

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Colleen Cairney, Family Friend

**Quilt 12 - Block D1**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Alinda Kay Yuill (Donor)  
May 10, 1981 – September 5, 2009  
Eye and Body Donor



Linda was born and lived 28 years in Astoria, Oregon.

On the day of her death she was a bridesmaid in her cousin's wedding. She was in her prime and having one of the best days of her life. Towards the end of the reception, she was taken from us due to a rare heart condition.

Linda was born with Turner's Syndrome. Her family and a few friends knew of the condition. She would make yearly and sometimes monthly visits to OHSU. In her early years she would attend some Turner's Syndrome Group gatherings.

Linda was very conscious of her condition and took very good care of herself. She belonged to a research group for Turner's Syndrome Aortic Dissection. She has already made a difference for others with her condition.

Because she was also a donor, someone now has sight.

Linda is truly missed. Long after we've said our goodbyes, our hearts will remember her always and forever.

Quilt Square Submitted by Ruby Yuill, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block A1**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Richard Dax Stewart (Donor)  
February 9, 1971 – May 22, 2009



Born in Eagle, Idaho, Dax was a very giving person, so his desire to be a donor was not a surprise.

He was very skilled in his work as an equipment operator and made plenty of time for hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Dax suffered major head trauma in a tragic ATV accident in Emmett, Idaho. His death has affected many lives, the ones he left behind and the ones he was able to help.

“Powder River, Let ‘er Buck. A Mile Wide and an Inch Deep. We can handle it.”  
We love and miss you so.

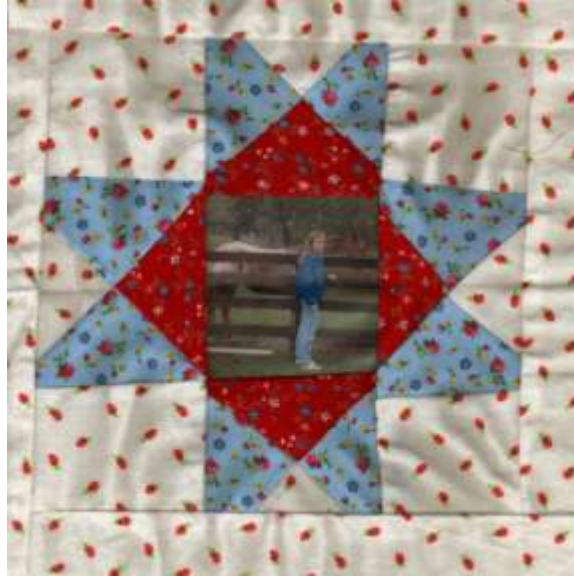
Quilt Square: Red was one of Dax’s favorite colors. The Browning symbol represents what Dax thought is the best gun ever made.

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Aileen “Sissy” Stewart, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block B1**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Amy Annette Watson (Donor)  
April 14, 1974 – October 1, 2009  
Eye and Tissue Donor



Our beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend graduated from Half Moon Bay High School in California in 1992. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture business management with a minor in animal science from Oregon State University in 1997. After completing an internship with Rainsweet in Salem, Oregon, she worked 13 years with the company.

At age 14 Amy got her first horse “Momma,” Two Hands High, a much loved Appaloosa, which she rode and cared for until Amy was in her mid-20s.

Amy enjoyed quilting, scrapbooking, and even taught herself to crochet. She also loved spoiling the family cats. Amy loved animals and donated to the Humane Society and Breast Cancer.

Amy was very dedicated to family and friends. She had a presence when she entered a room and emanated an energy people were drawn to. She will be remembered for her laugh, big heart, and willingness to always lend a hand to a friend and often a stranger.

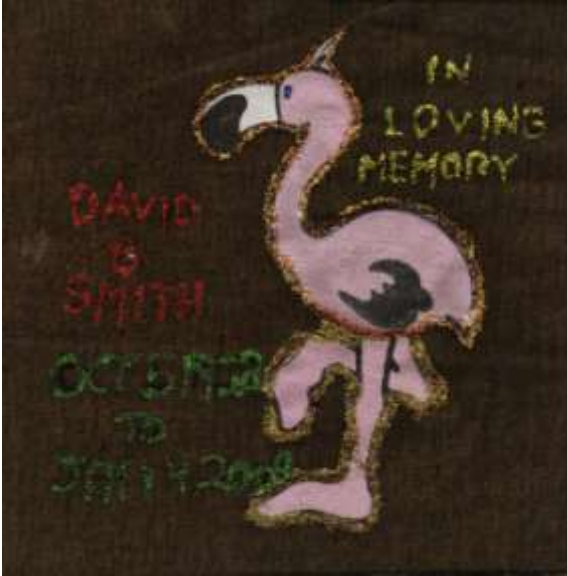
Quilt square is the Ohio star with center photo of Amy with “Momma”

Quilt Square Submitted by Sally Watson

**Quilt 12 - Block B3**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

David B. Smith (Donor)  
Organ and Tissue Donor



Dave was a father, a great husband, a friend, a mentor!

Dave believed in family first and lived his life for his family; he never knew a stranger, and was the first to help anyone out if he could. Being surrounded and comforted by his love for us all, we never felt poor, for we had more wealth than many other families because our dad always made sure our needs were met and always had a kind and caring ear for us all.

Dave could always be found wearing a pair of overalls with either a plaid shirt in the winter or t-shirt in the summer. He had a favorite pair of overalls that had a small pink flamingo embroidered on the pocket. Mom often wondered why these were his favorite. But that is just the way Dave was; if he liked something, he wore it regardless of what others thought.

It was important to Dave that he be able to donate any of his tissues or organs when his time came. That was the way he lived his life. If he no longer had use for something and someone else did, he would make sure they got it. It was only fitting that he was able to donate tissue as well.

“Dave: as in life, the same in death.”

Hi

I am Marie. I was David’s oldest grandchild of 12. My grandma and I decided to make the quilt piece with a pink flamingo because we patched a pair of his pants with one and he loved it so that is why we used it on the quilt block in his memory.

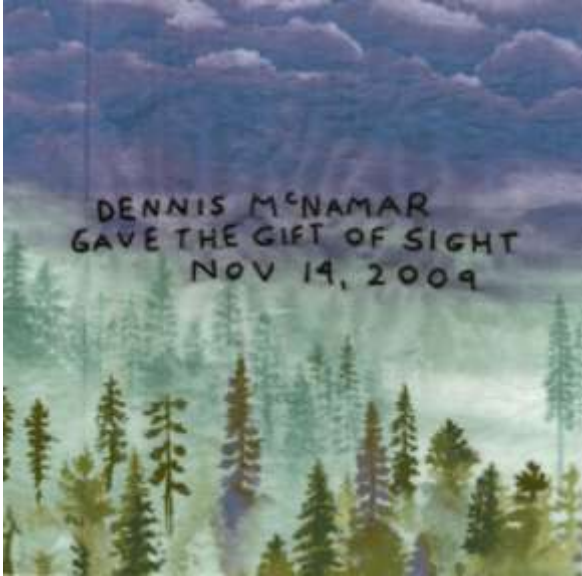
Love, Marie

Quilt Square Submitted by Clarice Smith, Wife and Marie, Oldest Grandchild (Age 12)

**Quilt 12 - Block E5**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Dennis McNamar (Donor)  
Eye Donor



In loving memory of Dennis McNamar, my husband and best friend of 37 years. Dennis so loved the outdoors, working in the timber industry his entire life. His greatest pleasures were hiking, fishing, beachcombing and camping in the forests of Oregon and watching his grandchildren grow up.

I believe his peace will come from knowing he has given the gift of sight through corneal donation to someone who can now enjoy the beauty of all God's natural wonders as he did.

Quilt square reflects Dennis's love of the outdoors – sky and trees.

Quilt Square Designed by Shawn Jones, Friend  
Quilt Square Submitted by Jan McNamar, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block A3**



# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Alan Gary Powell (Donor)  
January 17, 1969 - September 7, 2008



## Biography of an Artist

Born at Kingston-Upon-Thames Hospital in Surrey, England, Alan had a nomadic childhood, spending his early years near Blackpool, England before living in Jaffa and Bat-Yam Israel; Long Beach, California; Seattle Washington; and Toronto, Canada.

He graduated from Lynnwood (Seattle) High School in 1987, attended community college in Everett, WA and finished at Dawson College in Montreal, where he studied art and illustration. He moved to Portland, Oregon in the mid 90's to be near his family where he lived until the end of his life, working on commission as a painter and at Fred Meyer in the Home Electronics department.

Though unmarried at the time of his death, Alan had found his soul mate in Laura Atkins. They were together for nearly two years before his passing.

He loved the ocean, fishing, and crabbing, music, and good food (especially his Mum's roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding).

Alan achieved a long-term goal when he earned his American citizenship in April 2008. He passed away before he was able to vote in his first election.

Quilt Square Submitted by Chris Powell-Moore

**Quilt 12 - Block A6**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Stephen James Connolly (Donor)  
May 27, 1992 – July 10, 2009



There are no words capable of capturing the essence of this wonderful person. One needed to experience life with him to see the simple beauty of his life.

Quiet, funny, shy with a quirky smile all describe Stephen. Stephen had just celebrated his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday when an ATV accident claimed his life. During the five weeks he was in a coma, his friends and family were drawn even closer to him. Stories about his adventures, selfless nature, and his bad jokes were shared. Life lessons were learned by his tragic death. Lessons of listening to others when no one else will, including others and validating their existence, and helping others.

Some of Stephen's favorite things: a good laugh, lacrosse, annoying his siblings, football, being outdoors, strawberries, snowboarding, walking on the beach, collecting rocks, and the simple joy of being with family and friends.

When we received a "thank you" note from a recipient, Stephen's sister stated "He is a hero." It is true.

Description of square: The three sisters (Faith, Hope and Charity) represent the town of Sisters and Sisters High School, the two places Stephen loved and where he felt at home. Stephen's beautiful smile is depicted by the crescent moon, The single star in the night sky is in remembrance of the one we loved.

Quilt Square Designed by Brother and Sister  
Quilt Square Sewn by Meghan Connolly, Sister (Age 15)  
Quilt Square Submitted by Nancy Connolly

**Quilt 12 - Block C2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Donald Byron Stark



My quilt block is for the son of my long time friend Phyllis Stark and her recently deceased husband Donald Byron Stark. I have known the family many years and young Donald since his baby days.

In his youth, Donald's favorite pass time was pheasant hunting with his father in eastern Oregon. When his father died a few years ago, the camaraderie ended but now there is hope the two men can again experience the joy of being together and who knows? Maybe pheasants? I'd like to think so.

Quilt Square Designed by Mary Jacobs, Friend  
Quilt Square Submitted by Phyllis Stark, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block B5**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Curtis Paul Dunn (Donor)  
1985 - 2009  
Organ Donor



Curtis Paul Dunn of Battle Ground, WA lost his life to a random act of violence April 13, 2009.

Curtis was outgoing and adventurous, a friend to all and loved by many. He was caring and loving, showing compassion towards all, especially his family. His greatest joys were his two boys.

Curtis enjoyed outdoor activities including camping, hiking and skateboarding. He also liked all types of music and drawing abstract art. As a boy, he participated in all sports even though he was legally blind and was one badge away from being an Eagle Scout. Curtis was very courageous and would try anything. As a young man, he liked to work various outdoor jobs.

Curtis struggled with heart defects, having open heart surgery as a five month old and again at 21; however, nothing slowed him down.

Curtis talked about helping others if anything ever should happen to him. He donated his kidneys and liver. He helped save three people out of such tragedy. We miss you and will always remember you.

Love, Your Family

Quilt Square Submitted by Valerie Smith, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block A2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Richard Dax Stewart (Donor)  
February 9, 1971 – May 22, 2009



*Within every problem or sorrow is a hidden blessing as well as an opportunity for a lesson of faith.*

Dax was one of a kind from the day he came into this world. Things had to be on his terms!! Being his mom grew me up in a hurry. He always took the hard road and never looked back. He was an outdoorsman and an avid hunter and he loved his yellow labs. It seemed fitting to edge the square with the Stewart plaid to honor his Scottish heritage.

I miss him terribly and the days ahead will be agony because he's gone, but the time is coming when I will once again put my arms around that big guy and get one of his wonderful hugs.

It is a privilege to remember Dax in this way. Because of him there is someone out there who can see the sunrise.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Quilt Square Submitted by Connie Stewart, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block B2**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Rob Herman (Recipient)  
Kidney Recipient, April 4, 2009



The quilt square is in honor of both my husband and the life of his generous donor, to whom we will be forever grateful.

My husband has polycystic kidney disease and knows too well the difficulties of living with kidney failure. His new kidney means a life free from dialysis, and the gift of restored health. We have a four year old daughter, Kaley, and this gift of life has allowed us to enjoy doing things as a family again.

We will be forever thankful for this amazing gift and will spend every April 4 honoring Rob's new birthday and Rob's donor. Thank you!

Quilt Square Submitted by Linda Herman, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block C7**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Linda Rigert (Living Donor)  
Jennifer Rigert (Recipient)  
June 3, 1997  
Kidney Donor and Recipient



My square represents the 13 years of joy and gratitude I've experienced because of my kidney transplant on June 3<sup>rd</sup> of 1997. The symbols sewn to this square are representations of all the wonderful things I have been given during this time.

This quilt square is in honor of the selfless gift my mother gave to me and the life made possible because of the miracle of organ transplantation. It is a gift that creates exponential good and comes from nothing but good intentions and love. It strengthens and elevates all who are involved.....it makes us more than human. Because of this gift, I have competed in the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh and the World Transplant Games in Australia – winning medals in swimming and field events. I have had the honor of working in the medical field, most recently as an organ donation coordinator – helping others to attain the happiness and health that I will never take for granted. And I was immensely overjoyed to meet the love of my life and become engaged this year. All of this would never have been possible without this miracle. I have been unspeakably fortunate.

I think my mom says it best in a post she wrote in honor of organ donation:

***“When I found out I could donate my kidney to my daughter Jennifer, I was overjoyed. It was one of the best gifts I've ever received. She honors me daily by being the strongest, most amazing person I've ever known. Love you.” – Linda Rigert***

Love you too, Momma!

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Linda Rigert, Mother and Jennifer Rigert, Daughter

**Quilt 12 - Block F3**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Kathryn Langston (Recipient)  
Kidney Recipient, March 19, 2003



My square is dedicated to my sister for the gift of life she received February 19, 2003, and her love of cats. Had it not been for the family that made the decision to give the gift of life, my sister might not be here to love her cats and play with her 6 grandchildren.

Quilt Square Submitted by Nelda Copsey, Sister

**Quilt 12 - Block B7**



# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Jean Pifer (Recipient)  
Kidney Recipient 1972



Jean Pifer was 47 years old when she received her kidney transplant at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Having been diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, she was on a waiting list for a long period of time and had gone through kidney dialysis treatment. She was fortunate a matching kidney was found from a deceased donor.

Jean has had her donated kidney for 37 years. Although she has other medical issues associated with being 83 years old, Jean's donated kidney is still going strong.

Square is made of Hawaiian themed floral material representing the Big Island of Hawaii, a favorite vacation spot for Jean who loves tropical flowers.

Quilt Square Submitted by Rosemarie Pifer, Daughter-In-Law

**Quilt 12 - Block F6**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Dan Pifer (Recipient)  
Kidney Recipient 2009



Dan inherited polycystic kidney disease from his mother Jean. He was diagnosed with the disease 12 years ago. It was not until 2006, when Dan relocated to Portland, Oregon, that he was confronted with the fact he would soon need a kidney transplant.

After more than 2 years on the waiting list, Dan received a kidney on May 4, 2009 from his wife Rosemarie just in time for his mother Jean's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday!

Square is made of Hawaiian themed floral material representing the Big Island of Hawaii, a favorite vacation spot for Dan who loves tropical flowers.

Quilt Square Submitted by Rosemarie Pifer, Wife

**Quilt 12 - Block A7**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Bryar Martin (Recipient)  
1993 - 2007  
Bone Marrow Recipient



*Our Angel Boy* by Nicole Anderson  
For Bryar

We hold him forever in our hearts,  
And nothing can take away the pain,  
But the love we've held for him from the start.

Though his body may be gone,  
And his soul far away,  
We need to remain strong,  
For his spirit lives on with us in the day.

I see his smile in the setting sun,  
As another day comes to a close,  
And another day is to be begun.

As the sun sets, shadows fall across his face,  
And no one else could ever take his place.

His body might have been put to rest,  
But the purity in his soul has passed the test.

He is an angel with the Lord up above,  
Who will hold with him forever our love.

So remember his laughter throughout the day,  
And speak of his words when you kneel down to pray.

Remember he is with us though he can't be seen,  
And our families are here so on us you may lean.

Although Bryar lost his battle with lymphoma at age 14 on December 4, 2007, we are forever grateful for the renewed sense of hope this generous anonymous bone marrow donor gave our family.

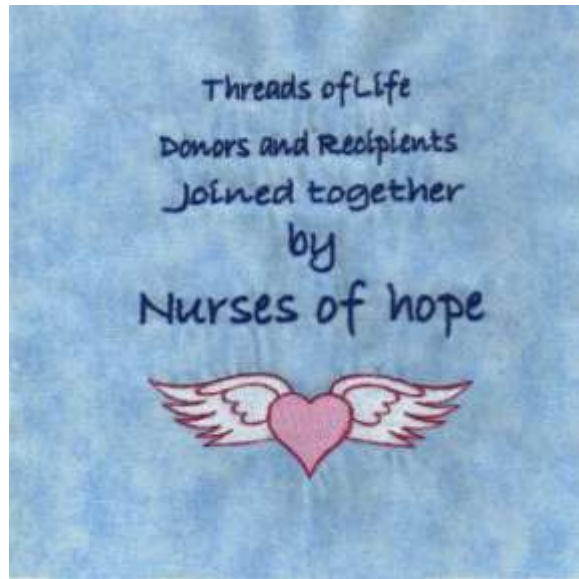
Bryar will never be forgotten: his sense of humor, passion for pranks and jokes, dedication to his younger siblings as the proud older brother, teasing of the girls, love for computers, bravery during his battle, his weakness for Cheese-Its, gummy worms, and jalapeno's. We miss you, little buddy.

Quilt Square Submitted by Joyce Gross, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block D7**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Nurses of Hope



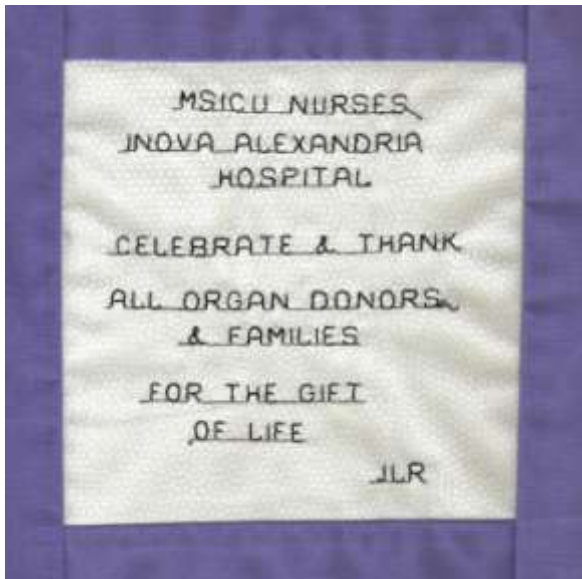
Although they are not all nurses, they are caregivers, nursing the recipients, donors, and their families with hope and thoughtful caring. The staff informs, counsels, and comforts the families and helps them see the wonder that comes from the gift they are giving to another family. Without their passion for the job they do, there would be less hope for the recipients. I designed this square to honor all those who dedicate their lives to the hope of others, and I admire them all for the work they do.

Quilt Square Submitted by Joyce Gross

**Quilt 12 - Block C8**

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ICU Nurses of Alexandria Hospital, VA



The quilt square honors all nurses in the ICU who participate either in notifying the consortium or preparing a patient for donation. We all experience anxiety during the process, wanting to be sure everything is done correctly. We are delighted to find out how many people are helped by our efforts and by the generosity of the patients and families who make donation possible.

We have been fortunate to learn that some patients who we thought would not be candidates for donation have been eye and tissue donors.

The quilt square was created as a thank you from all the nurses who have participated in organ donation over the years I have worked in the ICU at Alexandria Hospital. We try very hard in the ICU to recognize potential organ donors, and we notify the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium of every death in the ICU. I'm excited to contribute a square for the Threads of Life annual quilt, not only to show our support for organ donation, but as a chance to try out my new sewing machine. What a great project to initiate it!

Quilt Square Submitted by Judith Redding RN BSN CCRN

**Quilt 12 - Block D8**

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Robert Lloyd Brandt (Donor)  
March 16, 1964 – January 22, 2009  
Organ Donor



Robert Lloyd Brandt was born March 16, 1964, in Riverside, California. He lived in many different places over the years including Battleground, Washington; Boise, Idaho, Regina, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Portland, Oregon. Robert loved his precious little dog Grace, from Minnesota. He worked as a hair stylist, an administrator in the government, a flight attendant, a training and human resources specialist for Northwest and Mesaba airlines and ultimately as a cabin safety inspector for the FAA.

Robert brightened the day of all he met and knew. He was a dear brother, uncle and son, and a friend to many, many people and will be missed greatly.

Robert Lloyd Brandt left us on a Wing and a Prayer January 22, 2009. Robert gave the gift of life ~ his heart and both kidneys went to recipients, and his pancreas went for juvenile diabetic research.

Robert will live on in my heart forever.

~Robert's mom XOXO

Quilt Square Submitted by Gerry Golia, Mother

**Quilt 12 - Block C1**

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John Dziennik (Recipient)  
Cornea Transplant, February 15, 2007



Thank you, generous donor, for restoring my sight!

Since I was a kid, I've worn "Coke-bottle" glasses, but when my cornea began deteriorating, I was frightened of missing a huge part of my life - reading. As much as I love my wife, music, our cats, and cooking and eating, the thought of losing access to some of the best loved books was terrifying. While I could still hear, touch, taste, and enjoy all the other things, the thought of going without a book to read close at hand was intolerable.

Bless you, your loved one, and all the staff at Casey Eye Institute for helping me.

Quilt Square Submitted by Jean Shepherd

**Quilt 12 - Block E4**

# Threads of Life Quilt Honoring

Lillian Marie Ellis (Recipient and Donor)

April 14, 2004 – November 21, 2009

Kidney Recipient

Kidney and Liver Donor



Lillian, “Lilly” was born in Roseburg, OR to proud parents Christie and Josh Ellis. At age two, Lilly was diagnosed with FSGS and nephrotic syndrome and experienced years of numerous surgeries and treatments with painful recoveries. She needed a healthy kidney.

Our prayers were finally answered by a living donor, Patty Waymire. It just didn’t work out for Lilly.

Lilly loved crafting and drawing, ballet and dancing, playing T-ball, and cooking with mommy. Most of all she loved her home and her family including her little brother Gavin and her loveable Saint Bernards Daisy and Samson.

Despite her illness, Lilly was full of life and lived each day to the fullest with her “Never give up attitude.” She always had a smile and brought laughter and joy to everyone around her.

Lilly gave the gift of life to two children as a liver and kidney donor. She would have been happy to know she was able to help someone else, as she loved to help everyone.

We miss her terribly, and we all treasure our precious memories of her five short years in our hearts. Lillian is now one of our littlest Angels watching over us.

Quilt Square Designed and Submitted by Cindy Manning, Grandmother and Marilyn Harrington, Aunt

**Quilt 12 - Block E1**



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Esther Mae Jones (Kidney Transplant Candidate)



Almost two years ago on the eve of my birthday I came down with profound symptoms of FSGS and nephrotic syndrome. Now I think of this day as a kind of anniversary, no longer celebrating my birth, but missing what died that day: spontaneity, adventurousness, optimism, and creativity.

I am lucky in so many ways to have a good head on my shoulders, health insurance, wonderful friends by my side, compression tights, public transportation, a nearby swimming pool and exceptional medical professionals working on my case.

I try to be grateful even for the limitations which are bringing more focus to my life, but I am often overwhelmed by the “can’ts” and “shouldn’ts”. The amount of discipline with diet, exercise, medications, and labs I must maintain at all times just to get by is rather stifling. Sometimes I wish my small remaining kidney function would go away completely so that I might get a transplant sooner rather than later. I want to be myself again and travel the world.

I dream of the day when I can be flexible again and eat food that is offered to me without reservation, drink water when I’m thirsty, be able to go back to school to study nutrition and live in a Spanish speaking country. I dream of not being dependant on other people financially and once again having a small modicum of independence.

Quilt Square Submitted by Esther Mae Jones

**Quilt 12 - Block E7**



Quilt 12 Block B6



Quilt 12 Block B8



Quilt 12 Block E8



Quilt 12 Block B4



Quilt 12 Block E3



Quilt 12 Block A5