

Threads of Life Honoring

Sunny Lesback (Donor)



Sunny Lesback was 17 years old when she died. She died of head injuries as a result of a car accident. I decided to make this square because Sunny loved to ski. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed this passion with her family and friends. I decided to make her “coat” green because her favorite color was green. The hearts on her coat represent the love we have for her, the love she gave to everyone who knew her, as well as the gifts of love she gave in her death to those she never knew. It would be impossible to make the face with anything other than a smile. Sunny was always told that her name suited her perfectly. She was one of the happiest people on this earth ... in love with life. I know that she is looking down from heaven with a smile on her face because she was able to help others in her death. That was her personality. She got so much pleasure out of helping others. This was made with love by her mother.

Designed and submitted by Sandy Vick, mother.

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Cassie Lynn Crocker (Donor)



Cassie was a 17 year old senior at Meridian High School in Meridian, Idaho. She was a free spirited, argumentative, loving and giving person. Being a donor was a gift that Cassie felt strongly about. On December 18, 2001 Cassie was broad-sided while riding in her boyfriend's truck. She passed away on December 23, 2001 with her family by her side. Cassie now lives on in many other lives. Always and forever in our hearts.

Designed and submitted by the Crocker family.

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Denise Cuddeford Thomas (Donor)



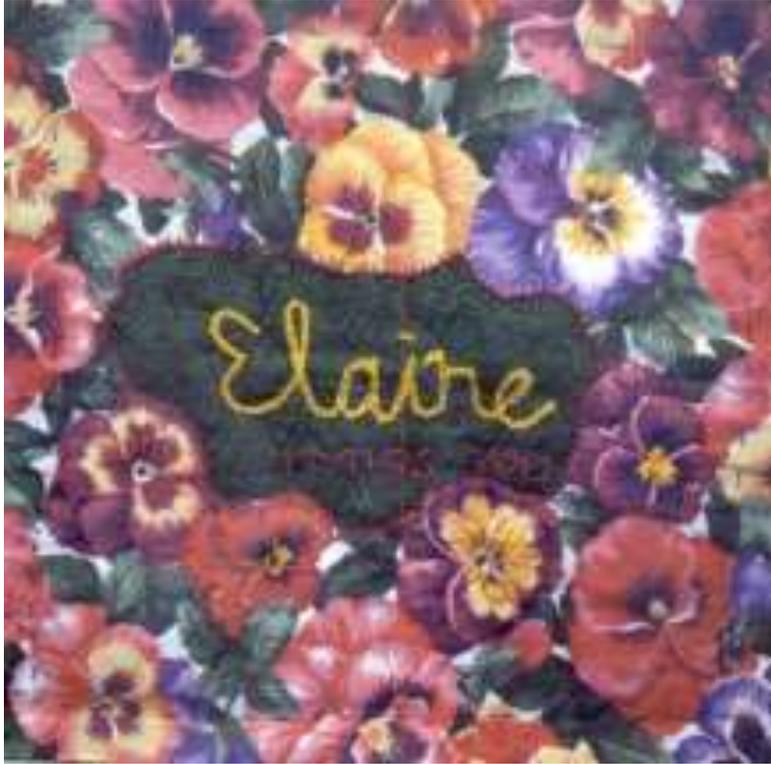
Denise loved to sew and enjoyed a wide variety of creative interests. This cross-stitch, from a shirt she embellished, is just one of many projects she loved to make for herself, her family, and friends.

In early 1997 Denise was 41 years old, loved hiking, skiing, working in her yard, and keeping up with an active 7 year old son when she was diagnosed with a rare heart disease. She died June 18, 1997 while waiting for the heart transplant that could have saved her life. Denise was a loving and caring person and had many years before made the choice to be a donor. Just a few days after her death, we received the news that Denise's corneas had been transplanted. It brought a great deal of joy and comfort to know that even in death, Denise's legacy of giving and caring continues.

Designed and submitted by Karren O'Donnell, sister.

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Phyllis Elaine Joines (donor)



This square is for my friend, Phyllis Elaine Joines (1945-1999). When she died of an aneurysm at age 53 her wishes were followed, and she became a multiple organ and tissue donor. We met in 1973 in the Oregon Shakespeare costume shop where we were both working. We were sometime roommates and from then on. She taught me so much about staying happy and working hard at what you love and non-judgmental acceptance of all sorts of people. I stayed in theatre. She got a degree in horticulture. Though she had a low opinion of annuals, when I saw this pansy fabric, I thought of Elaine and our sewing projects. She lives in others in so many ways!

Designed and submitted by Claudia Everett, friend.

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Stan Heath (Donor)



Stan Heath always wore Levi's (501's only) and a gray t-shirt to work. He was very dedicated to doing a good job serving his customers. The heart was from a bag his mother made for him when he was a teenager – it represents how much love we have for him, for he was a man with a great heart. Stan was a beloved husband, father and son. Everyone who know him treasured him as a friend. He was one who lived a heroic life of love, honor and kindness. He had “donor” on his drivers license from the age of 16. He was able to give everything but his lungs (40 years of smoking) and his brain (from his injuries). He would have been immensely pleased to have helped so many by such a simple gesture. All of us who know and loved him miss him, but feel he is still with us in so many ways. As his daughter Sarah said, “Daddies [and grand-daddies] never go away.”

Designed and submitted by Kristin Heath.

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Thomas V. Hoene (Donor)



The quilt square is for my husband Tom, who passed away December 8, 2001 of a heart attack. The hearts represent the love that Tom had for everyone, for all the people who loved Tom, and for his heart that finally gave up the fight. Someone wrote me, "Tom was a friend to all," – he had a twinkle in his eye that let everyone know how much he cared about them. I'm sure that the recipient of Tom's corneas has that same twinkle.

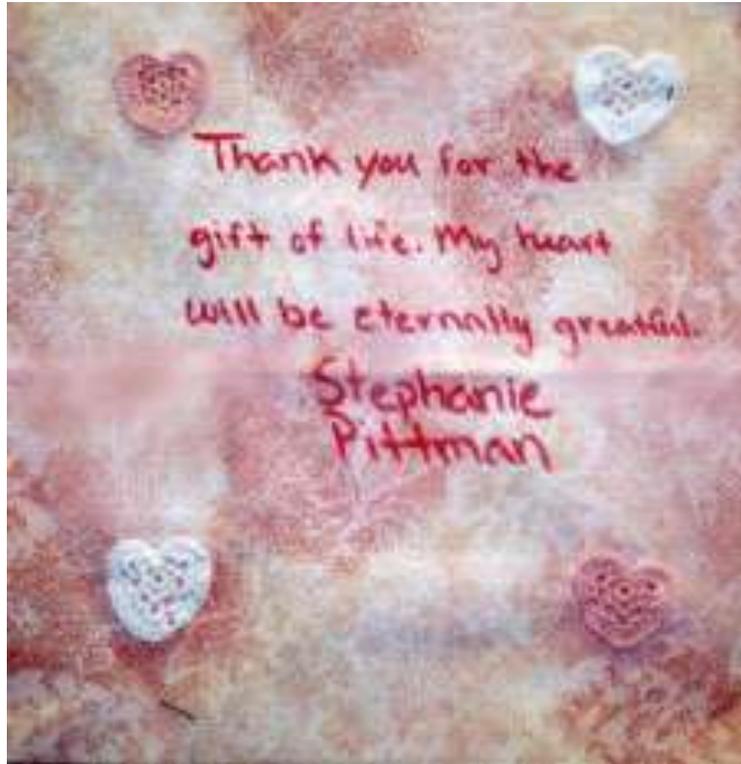
Designed and submitted by Maxine Hoene, wife.

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Stephanie Pittman (Recipient)



I had a Homograph done on my heart 15 years ago. Ever since then I've been pretty healthy and have lead an active life. Now at the age of eighteen, I am on the verge of graduation high school and going off to college. None of this could have happened if it wasn't for the family that donated their child's organs and for the Oregon Donor Program. I want to thank both of them for saving my life and helping out my family.

Designed and submitted by Stephanie Pittman.

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Harold W. Freeman (Donor)



December 21, 1950-December 28, 2000. Harold's ashes are on a black diamond ski run at Mt.

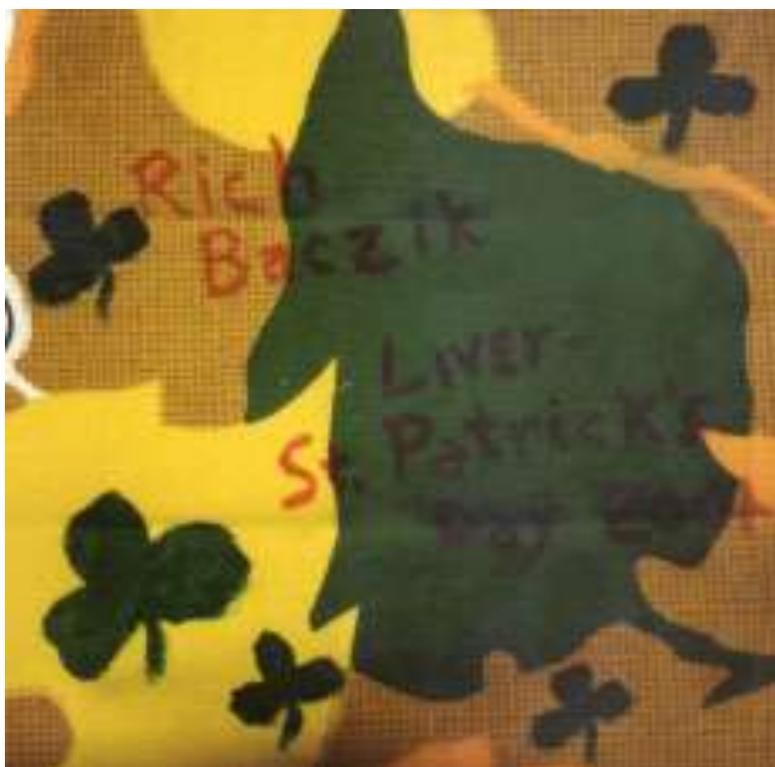
Hood meadows. I believe his soul skis there in the winter and soars through the forests in summer. This quilt block, embroidered with love by his mother-in-law, Leta Roberts, is meant to symbolize his enthusiasm for life and fun. Harold died shortly after his 50th birthday celebration.

One of the things he had done in the weeks before his death was to reaffirm his wish to be an organ donor when he renewed his driver's license. This ensured I knew and could follow his wishes. I am proud of Harold's gift, and hope you remember your donor with the joy in living Harold shared with us each day.

Designed by Leta Roberts, submitted by Valorie and the Freeman and Roberts Family and Friends.

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Rich Baczik (Recipient)



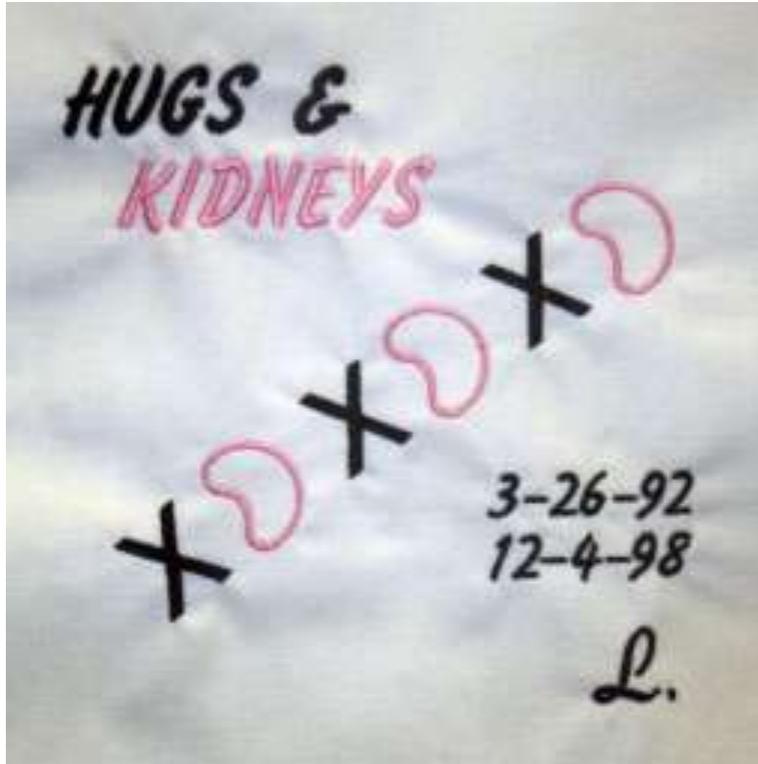
We were newlyweds when Rich became extremely ill with Hepatitis C. The blessing of a transplant meant the miracle of a new life for him and us. Now we have a (healthy) future ahead of us.

Thank you donor and donor family for this gift.

Designed and submitted by Susan Baczik, wife.

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Laura Peterson (Recipient)

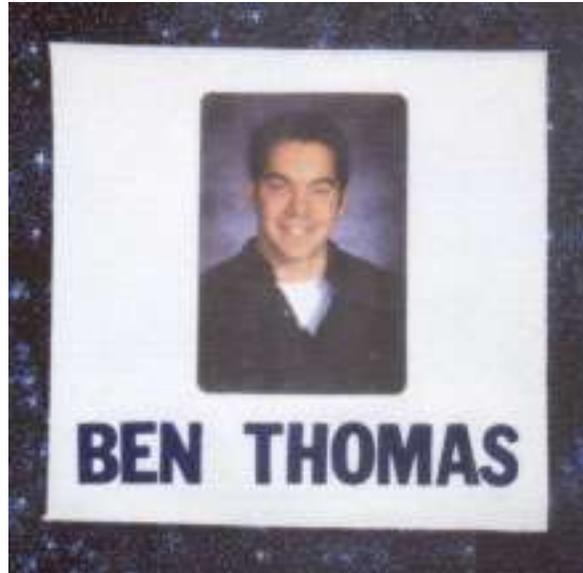


Hugs and kidneys is a message I wanted to send to my donor families, my dear friend Marjorie, and my family and friends. Most of all to my special partner in life, Randy. Without his care, understanding and support my return to a dialysis free life wouldn't have been possible. Thanks to all who are in my life that make me realize just how special every day is and how blessed I am.

Designed and submitted by Laura Peterson.

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Benjamin Thomas (Donor)



In Loving Memory of Benjamin Thomas

What kind of man does appearance make known? A contagious shy smile with innocence born. Eyes dark-brown with flecks of green steel, Crowned auburn hair made course to the feel. What kind of man does attire suit best? A suede leather flight jacket loose to the fit. Khakis worn baggy boasting pockets of pens, Drab colored T-shirts enduring fashion's new trends.

What kind of man does action attend? A genuine gentleman that rarely offends. Manners made perfect by placing friends first, Gallantly seeking the world's innate worth. What kind of man does accomplishments claim? A connoisseur treasuring knowledge as gain. Passionately seeking truths within and without, Humble reflecting on questions and doubts.

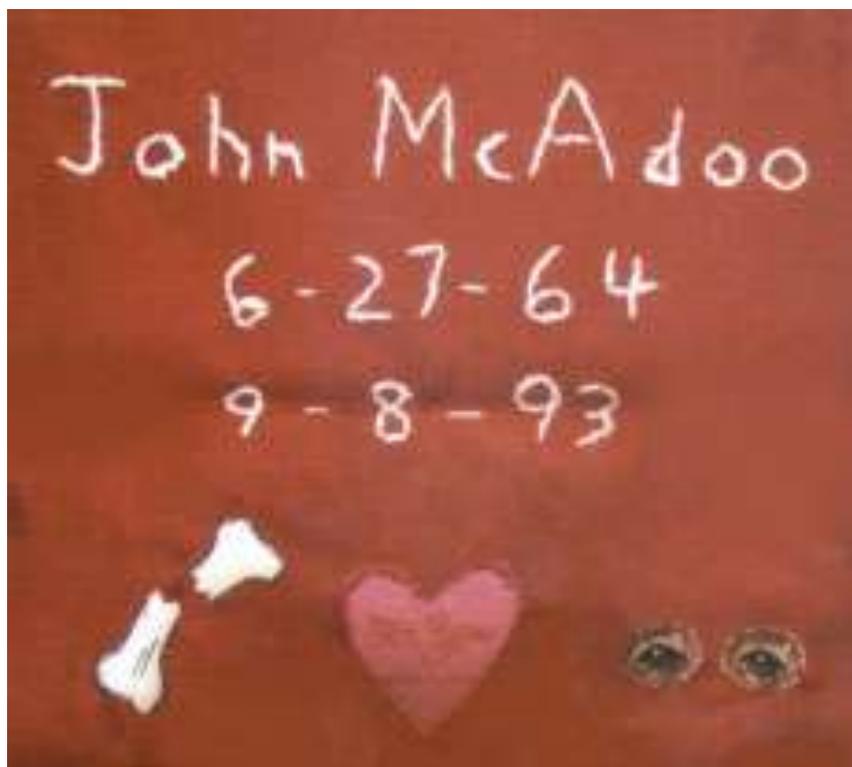
What kind of man does favored pastimes play forth? As author and poet using words as great sport. Reading and writing and speaking to learn, Sharing with friends his dreams and concerns. What kind of man does family fortune to have? A tall framed lad teasing brother and dad. Cradling cats with gentle arms held near. Mom's eldest son forever cherished and dear.

What kind of man does God diligently find? A youth prone to stumble, yet loving and kind. Believing in Christ for the salvation of life, Embracing the Lord full of mercy and might. What kind of man am I that brings forth word? Remember me best for the deeds that have stood. Listen with heart to the sounds of our past, Think to the future that memories will last.

Designed and submitted by Kathy Thomas, mother.

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John Robert McAdoo, Jr. (Donor)

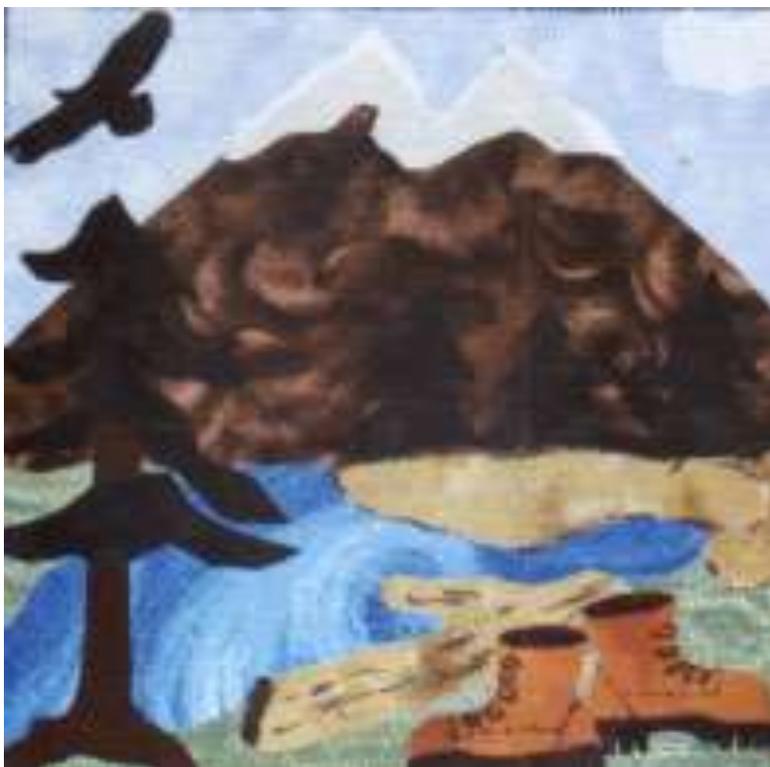


John dearly loved his nephew, Bobby, being a father figure to him. He was a hard worker and respected by his sister and mother. The organs and tissues donated by John: heart valve, corneas, bone, and skin tissue for burn victims.

Designed and submitted by Alice McHugh, mother.

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Daniel Phillips (Donor)



This quilt square symbolizes my husband's joy in being in the great outdoors. His favorite time was spent with his family and in his mountains. The snow covered peaks, and the rushing water soothed his spirit, and made him happy. I hope that the last gift that this generous and kind man gave will give someone else the opportunity to feel the freedom and happiness that the great outdoors has to offer. The organ donor program gave me comfort in knowing that my beloved husband might have helped someone to fulfill his or her dreams.

Designed and submitted by Janet Phillips, wife.

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Daniel J. Kinghorn (Recipient)

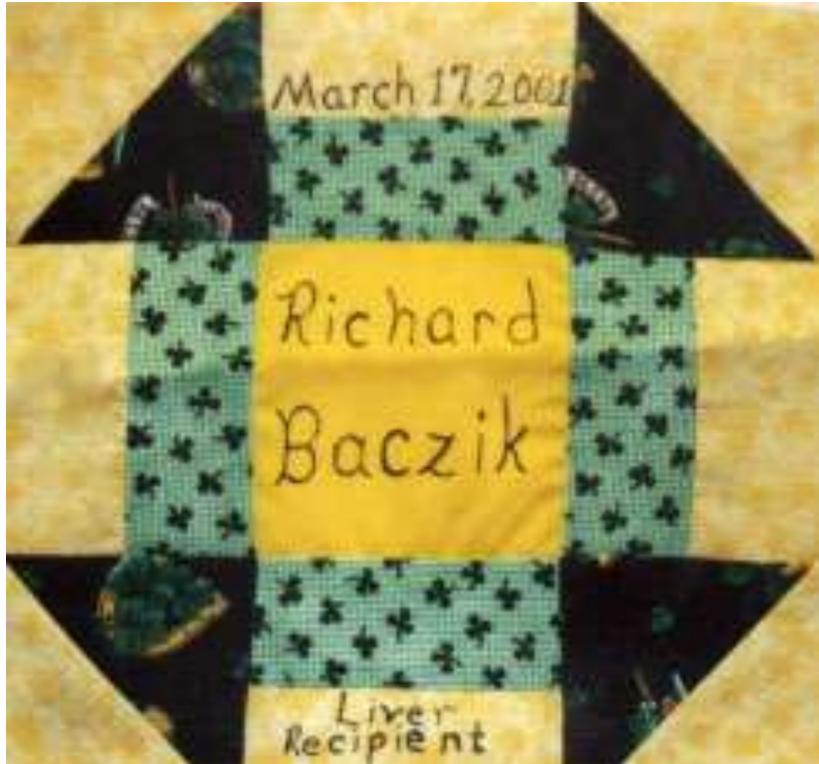


Red is for the blood of life that runs in all of us. Two hands represent the donor and the recipient becoming one. The heart represents the love that exists for life in order that transplants can take place. The square remembers me, Daniel J. Kinghorn, and my unknown donor. I had a liver transplant on August 6, 2000. Before my transplant I worked for twenty-three years as a civil servant, retiring from U.S. Customs Service in 1997.

Designed and submitted by Daniel J. Kinghorn.

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Richard Baczik (Recipient)



This quilt block is made in honor of my nephew, Richard Baczik, and in gratitude to his donor. It is made in the “Shoo Fly” design. I chose to make it in gold and green shamrock fabrics because Richard has his liver transplant on St. Patrick’s Day – March 17, 2001. Richard and his wife, Sue, have been positive, strong, and tenacious through his long illness preceding his transplant. Now it is such a joy to see him active and healthy again. Thanks to all the doctors and medical personnel who have helped Richard’s recovery go so smoothly. Observing the “miracle” of a new life for Richard has made me a true believer in the transplant program.

Designed and submitted by Laura Kay Gatewood, aunt.

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Shannon Elaine Foster (Donor)



Shannon died of Sudden Death Syndrome due to Cerebral Cortical Dysplasia. One day she was with us, looking the best she had in years, and the next morning she was gone. Shannon began having seizures when she was 7 years old.

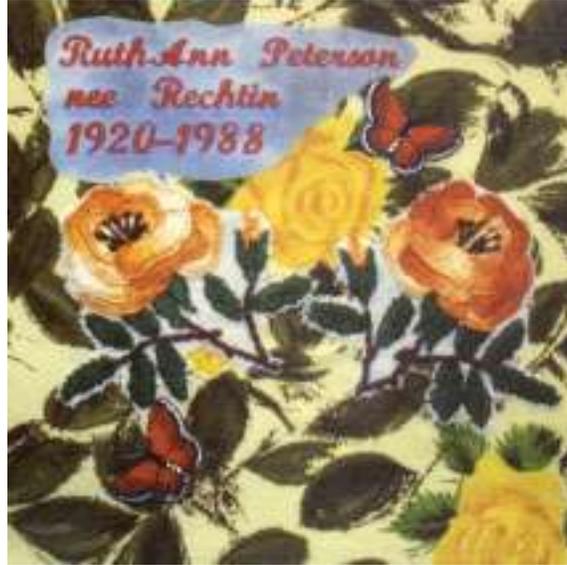
During her teenage years they worsened, and at age 21 she endured brain surgery to stop them. This worked for awhile, but they returned. She nearly died of pneumonia at age 26. What a brave soul. Shannon is severely missed by her mother (who talked to her nearly everyday for 28 years) and stepfather Mark, by her sisters Laurie and Brittany, her nieces Emily and Lindsey, and nephew Nolan. Shannon's father Michael died when she was 7 of cancer. It is our prayer that he is with her now. Shannon graduated from Parkrose High School where she made many friends.

She was surrounded in life by many wonderful family members and was able to celebrate many joyous occasions and trips. She was able to live independently the last 7 years of her life, and spent the last three with her boyfriend Ben. We miss Shannon's beautiful blue eyes and know the tissue donation will help the eye bank. We also know the rest of the donation will go for medical research greatly needed. No one know, including the doctors, that Shannon had cerebral cortical dysplasia until the autopsy. This is a birth defect where the gray and white matter in the cerebrum is not layered correctly. This condition alone justifies organ donation to stop the grief families suffer in losing their children to disease and death. We encourage donation and applaud those who rightly do so.

Designed and submitted by Mark Christ, step-father, and Jan Christ, mother.

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Ruth Ann Elisabeth (Rechtin) Peterson (Donor)



After graduation from high school in Milwaukie, Wisconsin, Ruth went to Downer College in Milwaukie, Wisconsin and graduated with a degree as a Registered Occupational Therapist. During World War II she served in the US Army medical section. She was stationed at Barne Hospital in Vancouver, Washington where she met and married Tech Sergeant John A. Peterson on October 23, 1945. They had 2 daughters and one son. Ruth loved her children and grandchildren. She worked as the first therapist at Edgefield Manor (Multnomah County Nursing Home) in Troutdale.

When Edgefield closed she worked at Damash State Hospital in Wilsonville, Oregon until she retired. Because of her strong medical background she was adamant about the donor program and was pleased to sign up early in the program. After she passed her family received a card saying the gift of sight was her gift. To think of those clear blue eyes sparkling each day is a blessing to her family.

Designed and submitted by Joan Evans, daughter.

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Ellen June Brown (Donor)



Our quilt square represents one of Mom's favorite spots – the mountains. A secluded spot located between Fox and Mt. Vernon. A place where she could go and relax, read a book, play with the grandkids or just walk the hills. Besides the mountains and her family, Mom loved to travel. Some of her favorites are Hawaii, Florida and Las Vegas. Mom enjoyed life to the fullest. I got the idea for this quilt square by one of Mom's favorite pictures that she took up in the mountains.

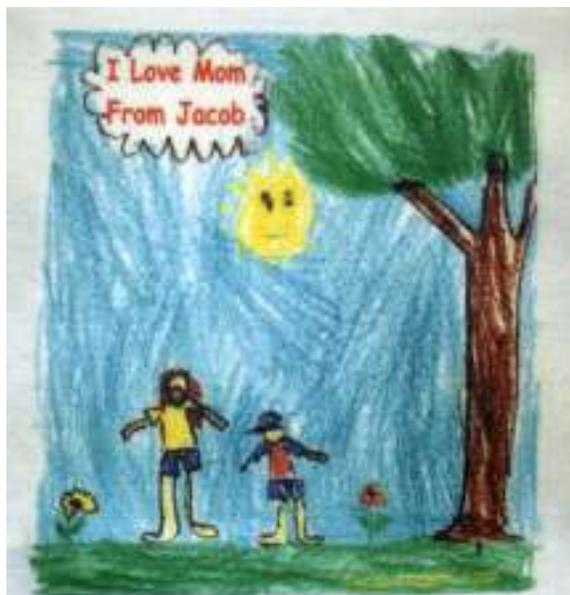
Designed and submitted by Bev Van Sickle, daughter.

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Rebecca Renfro (Donor)



Jacob Nugent is the artist of this picture. He is eight years old. His mother died September 15, 1998, her name was Rebecca "Becki" Renfro. His picture represents that he loved his mother and she loved him. He is not about a lot of words; he is just a little boy who loves his mother very much.

Designed and submitted by Jacob Nugent, son.

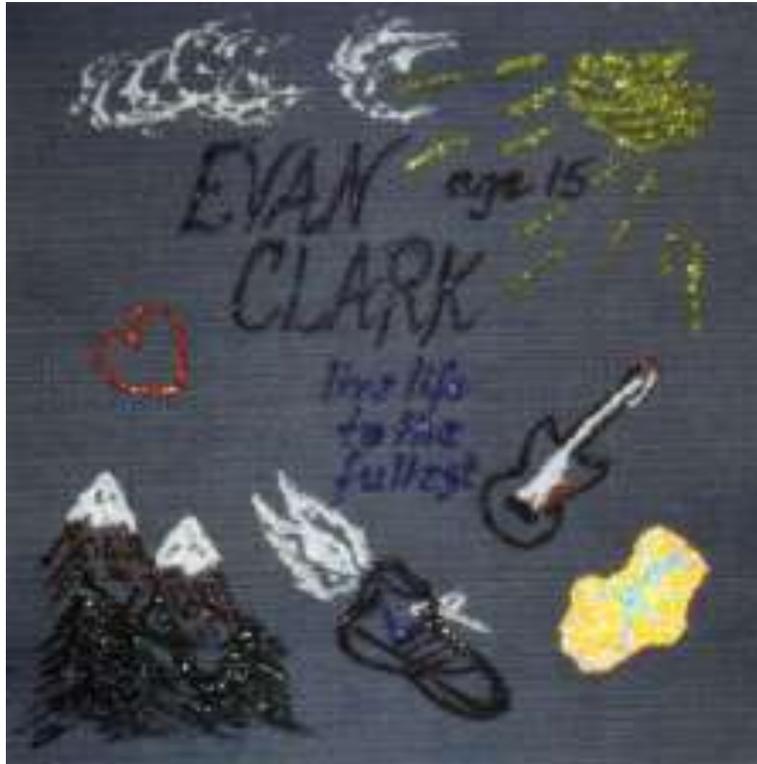
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Jacob Nugent

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Evan Joseph Clark (Donor)



Evan's square includes some of the elements of life that he enjoyed – nature, playing guitar, distance running, animals (he had a pet lizard, a dog and a cat!). It states the fact the he lived his short time in this physical world so fully. We, his family, discussed the design for the square. It remembers Evan Joseph Clark, who was born on August 22, 1985, and went to heaven on August 15, 2001. Evan was one week shy of his 16th birthday when, while hiking on Mount Hood trails with his father and brother, a piece of glacier fell on him, causing his death. His sister is severely autistic, and the great portion of his life was spent helping with her care. Probably as a result of his experience with his sister, he was a very compassionate teenager, always concerned about those less fortunate. He always gave his best efforts, whether in school studies, volunteering, guitar playing, or running. He was a modest young man, though never seeking the limelight. Less than a month before he died, we discussed organ donation. He believed that helping people in any way, including organ donation, was a good idea. Evan's life on earth was filled with love, goodness, and exuberance. His donation is a legacy to the way he lived his life, helping others. The knowledge that the quality of someone else's life is improved because of our son's donation is a source of comfort and hope for us, too. He continues to live on in our hearts and in heaven.

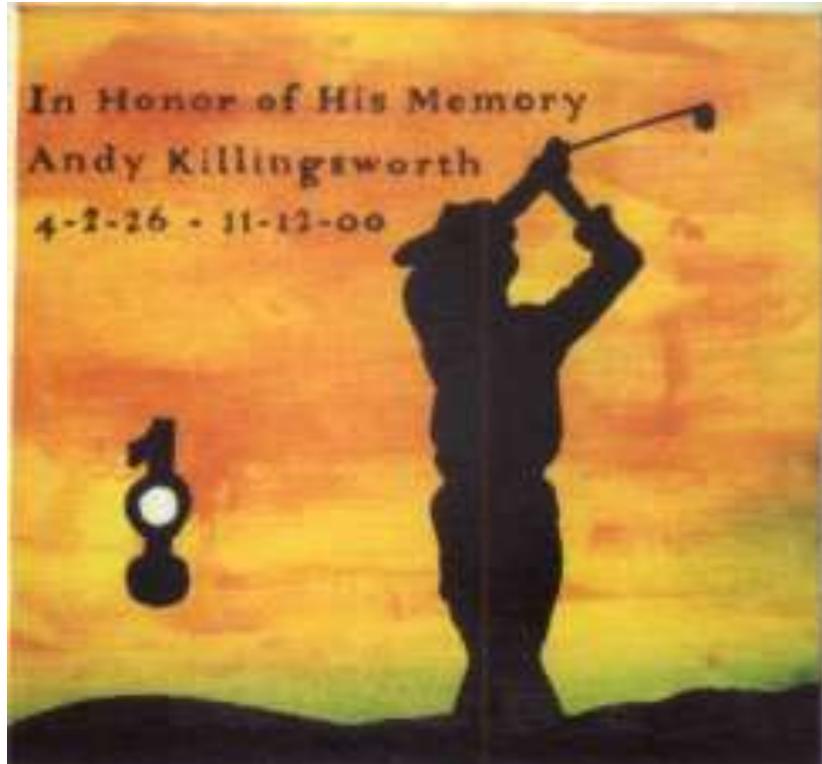
Designed and submitted by Clark Family.

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Andy Killingsworth (Donor)



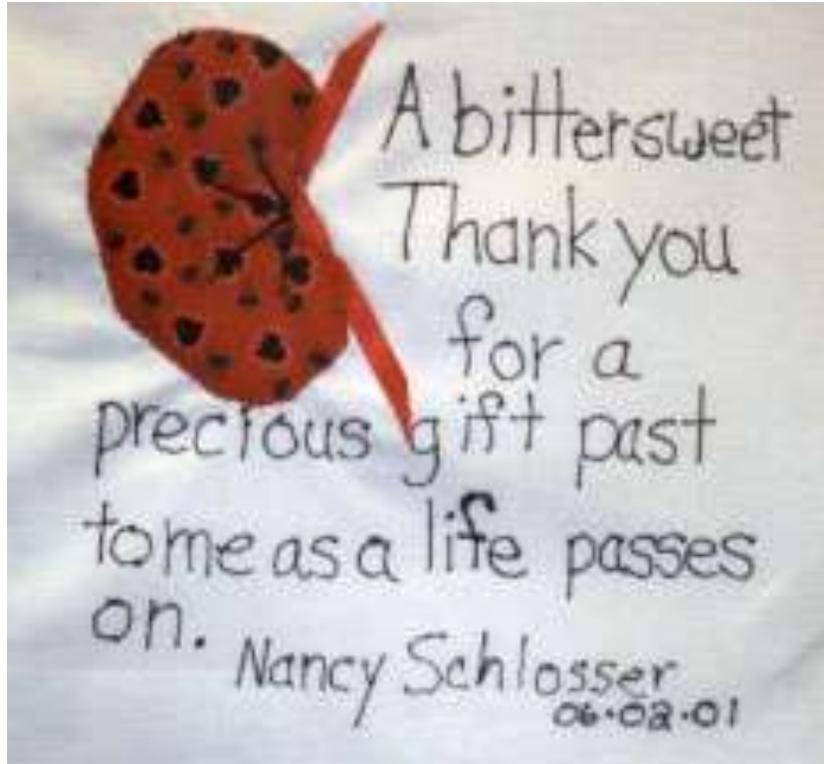
Andy Killingsworth was a loving husband and father. He was truly a dedicated American who fought for his country. After serving in the Navy during World War II he became a business man. He and his wife Dorothy of 37 years owned several businesses in California and Idaho. He was a devoted father to his daughter Karen and his son Rick. Our family vacations consisted of camping, fishing and water skiing. He was a hard worker yet found time for small game hunting in his younger years. When he discovered how much fun golf was he spent more time on the golf course. He was so proud to achieve 4 hole's in one. He fished and golfed often as he could until his heart suddenly gave up on him. He is remembered lovingly by his family and many friends.

Born: 4/2/26 Greenfield, Missouri. Deceased: 11/12/00 Bend, Oregon.

Designed and submitted by Dorothy Killingsworth, wife.

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Nancy J. Schlosser (Recipient)



On June 2, 2001, I received a kidney transplant at Good Samaritan Hospital. I had been on dialysis for a year and a week when the pager went off. I am very grateful that my donor was an excellent match. Although I am saddened that a family has gone through a loss of a loved one. I want this block to represent how grateful I am to receive such a wonderful and selfless gift. I also want this block to say thank you to my donor's family who has lost such a precious person in their lives.

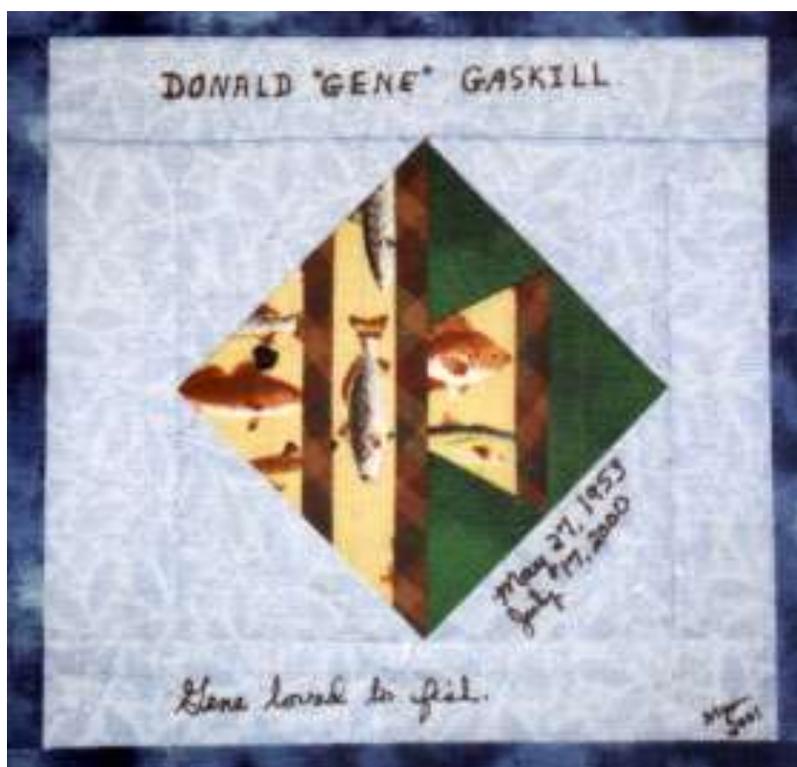
Designed and submitted by Nancy J. Schlosser.

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Donald Gene Gaskill (Donor)



This block is in memory of my brother, Donald gene Gaskill, who died on July 17, 2000, in Salem, Oregon. Gene was the youngest of four children and his death has had a tremendous impact on his family. It has been good to know that his liver and kidneys gave two other people hope for their futures. Gene dearly loved to fish, so I chose to make a fish block for him. He had a beautiful smile that could melt your heart, and catching a big fish certainly did make him smile. This is a wonderful program and I thank you for this opportunity to participate. I started this quilt block shortly after Gene's death, have gone back to finish it many many times, but was emotionally unable to do so until now. Completing this block has been very healing for me.

Designed and submitted by Marcia Y. McCarvey, sister.

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Rebecca Renfro (Donor)



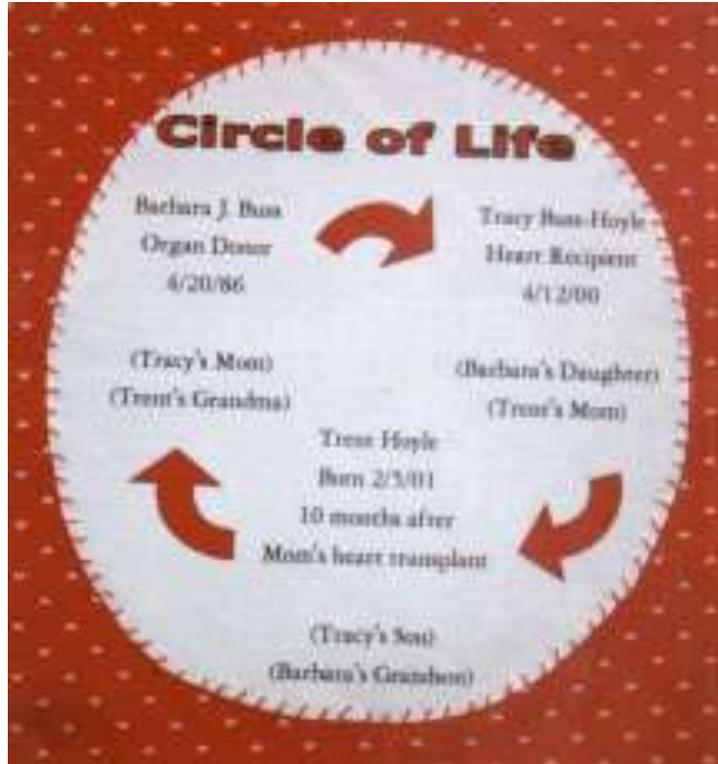
Jackson Mitchell drew this cartoon character in memory of Rebecca Renfro. He always called her Oliveoil. Jackson is an uncle and someone who loved her very much. He taught her to drive, in the driveway, never could get going too fast, it was a short drive. She was good at backing up.

Designed and submitted by Jackson Mitchell, uncle.

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Tracy Hoyle (Recipient) and Barbara Buss (Donor)



Our family has been on both sides of organ donation. On 4/20/86, my mom, Barbara Buss, donated one kidney and both corneas. Fourteen years later, I received a life-saving heart transplant. Just ten months after my transplant, I gave birth to my beautiful son Trent. It has truly been a circle of life for our family.

Designed and submitted by Tracy Hoyle.

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Eugene Werlinger (Donor)



Eugene was a kind and gentle man. He loved everyone. He never saw a stranger and would give anyone anything he had. Eugene loved sports of all kinds. He loved to travel, play cards, chess and to go to Jackpot, Nevada to gamble a little. His favorite thing in life was family get-togethers and he enjoyed good food. Eugene suffered a lot in recent years but rarely complained. Eugene was a giver and in the end he gave the ultimate gift, his body parts. We will miss him forever.

Designed and submitted by Patricia L. Werlinger, mother.

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James A. Day (Donor)

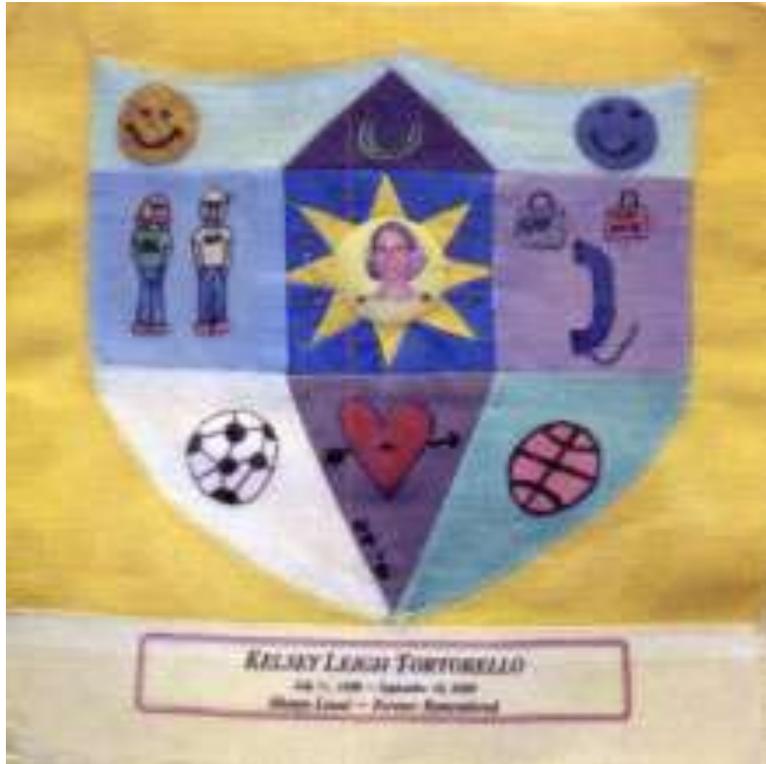


Our experience with the Oregon Donor Program and the Community Tissue Services has been very helpful in getting over the loss of our father. On December 23, 2000, we received a letter explaining to us that both of his corneas had been used for two different people. It really helped us get through the holidays knowing that maybe somebody got to see their first Christmas tree or saw family for the first time. Organ donation is something we have all talked about, so when we were asked if we wanted the organs that could be donated to be donated, we had no problem making that decision and knew in our hearts that it was what our father wanted. The quilt square we are presenting is one of a lighthouse off the shore of Portland, Maine. Our father loved lighthouses and enjoyed going to the coast. He had a collection of lighthouses and anything else that resembled the coast. On behalf of my family and friends of my father, I would like to say “thank you” for the wonderful experience you have given to us.

Designed and submitted by the Day family.

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Kelsey Tortorello (Donor)



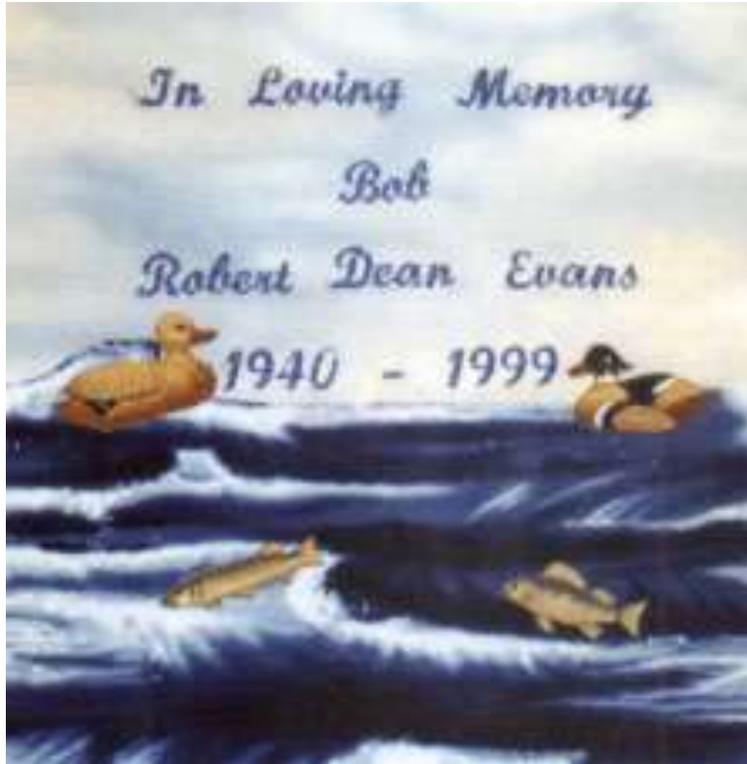
Kelsey died on Saturday, September 16, 2000, in a pedestrian/car accident. She died almost instantly from blunt head trauma, and therefore was only able to donate her corneas and skin tissue. It has taken a special friend over a year to construct this special quilt square in her memory. Kelsey had just graduated from the 8th grade (and had only attended high school as a 9th grader for eight days), was a straight “A” student, 8th grade student body president, loved to play soccer, basketball and track. She was known for her friendliness, her beautiful smile, and her desire to help others – whether they were her friends or those in need. Her legacy “to help other” goes on in many ways – through her memorial fund to help the homeless, the Habitat for Humanity house, “Kelsey’s House,” being built in her memory, and to many individuals who received her tissue donation and to two individuals who received her corneas.

The history of the quilt square: Kelsey made this shield in 7th grade as a school project. The shield shows symbols of what things were important in her life. She wrote for each symbol as follows: The sunshine stand for how bright I’ve become. The soccer and basketball stand for how much I like sports. The heart stands for how much I love. The people stand for how much I spend time with my friends. The phone and the bags stand for that I like to shop and talk on the phone. The crest stands for that I’m the second oldest. The smiley faces stand for how happy I always am.

Designed and submitted by Gary, Karen and Kristin Tortorello.

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Robert Dean Evans (Donor)

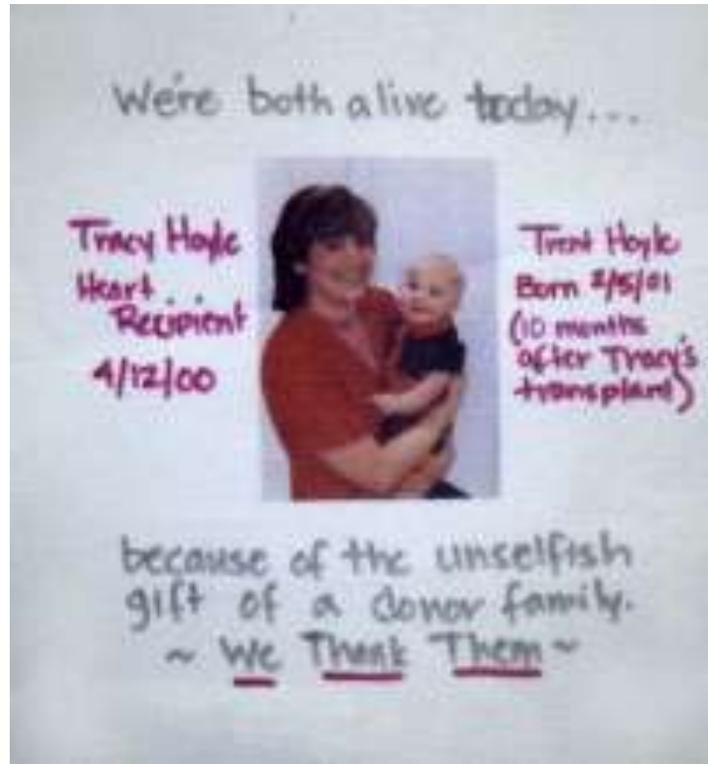


Rob was born in Olympia, Washington. He grew up in Olympia and returned there after 4 years in the US Navy. He retired from the Washington State Patrol (20 years) after his by pass heart surgery. He then went to work for the Washington State Library Network. Bob loved his family, wife Joan, kids and grandchildren. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and continued to work on his classic car until he died. He was retired and lived in Vancouver the last 9 years of his life. Bob was a firm believer in the transplant program. He was in the program at Oregon Health Science University but because of complications from medication for congestive heart failure his kidneys were too weak for a heart transplant. Bob was a kind loving man who lived life to its fullest. He was always in hope that his being a donor would help someone else live their life to the fullest.

Designed and submitted by Joan Evans, wife.

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Tracy Hoyle (Recipient)



Tracy Hoyle received a life-saving heart transplant thanks to the unselfish gift of her donor. If that wasn't enough of a miracle, just 6 weeks after her transplant, she became pregnant. One week shy of the 10 month anniversary of her transplant her son Trent was born. Tracy has been blessed twice by her donor family. Once with her own life being save and the second blessing is her son, which she thought she'd never have. Tracy's donor family is her and her family's hero.

Designed and submitted by Tracy Hoyle.

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Clarence Johnson (Donor)



Dearest Clancy, I finally took that quilting class you were always encouraging me to take! I have made a golden star to honor you for two reasons. The color represents your many streetrods that were always painted shades of yellow and gold. Secondly, I want to give you one more award ... a star for your unselfish gifts in this life and as you passed on to another. Your star will always shine as a symbol of your generous personality. Not only were you a loving example of unconditional giving, you continued to reach out to others and pass on the gift of life and sight, so others reaped the benefit of having a better life. We were also gifted and due to your unselfishness, our grief was lightened. In our minds and hearts we know that your light shines on and will continue to for many more years in the people that were chosen to benefit from your gift to be an organ donor.

Thank you my love.

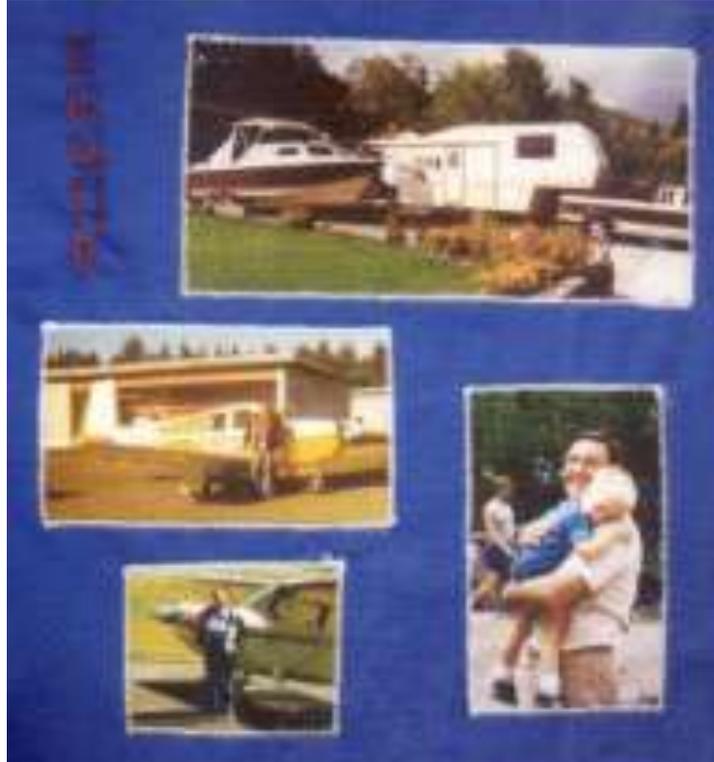
Designed and submitted by Sonja, wife, Cindy, Tom, Steve, Brenda and all 6 grandchildren.

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Charles E. Shafer (Donor)



We always thought we were too old to donate any parts of our body. What a joy to find no one is too old, whether it is working parts or tissue for research. Charles E. Shafer or Chuck, as he was called, was glad to donate anything that was usable. Chuck was a man that put himself into whatever he did. When he worked he gave 100%, playing was also 100% and loving he did the same. When he retired from work we traveled in our R.V. or planes. As his health deteriorated he had to let his toys go. He still had his wife, sons, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren and friends. So he still had his love to give and mostly to receive. Chuck was happiest when he could make people laugh, have fun, and help them feel good about themselves. He would be so proud to think his donation will now or later help others.

Designed and submitted by Lois Shafer, wife, and family.



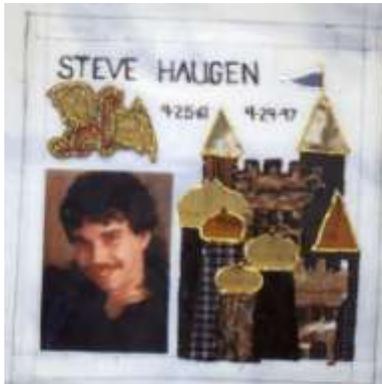
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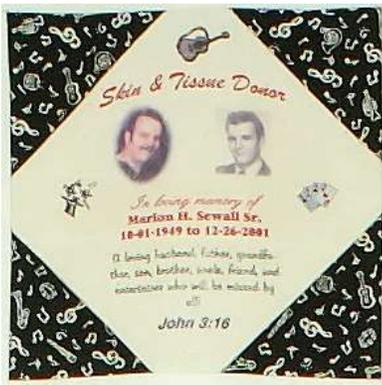
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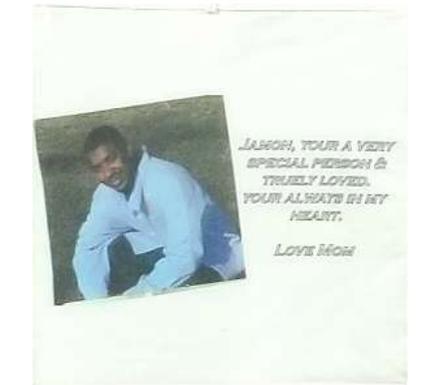
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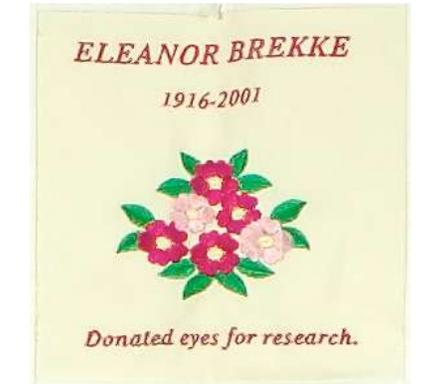
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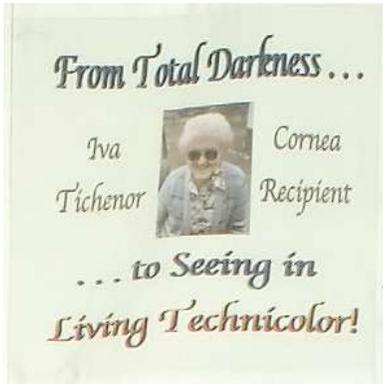
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4D7 Heart of the Community Award



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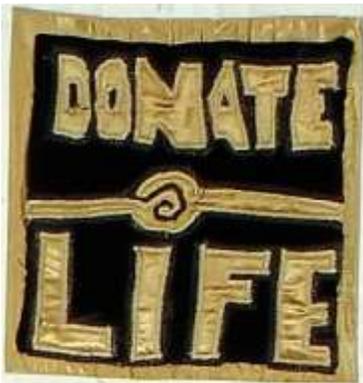
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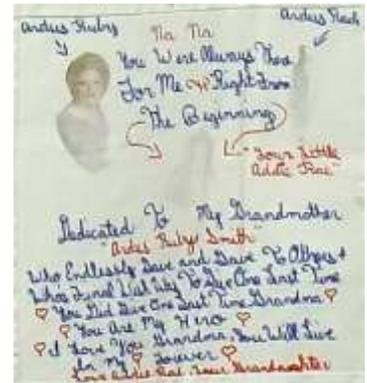
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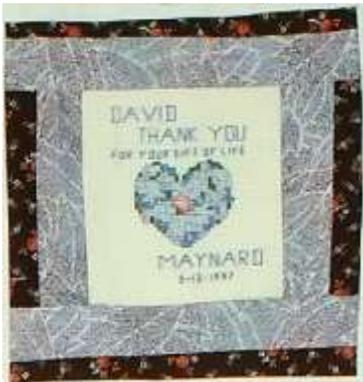
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4F4 Ted Heap



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