

ALABAMA DONOR FAMILY QUILT

The Alabama Organ Center's ALABAMA DONOR FAMILY QUILT is an opportunity for the family members of organ and tissue donors to memorialize a loved one. It also helps raise awareness about donation and transplantation. We feel that being able to see a tangible item like a quilt square makes a difference in the lives of the donor families and the people who come to see the quilt.

QUILT SQUARE SPECIFICATIONS (SEE INCLUDED SAMPLE):

- The personalized area for each square should measure 7" x 7".
- There should be a ½" margin around the entire square for hemming. This should not contact the creative work; the margin will not be seen.
- The final square should measure 8" x 8".
- All materials for the square should be dry clean safe.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CREATIVE AREA:

- The name and dates of your loved one's life.
- A silk-screened photograph of your loved one.
- A favorite poem or special saying.
- Depiction of hobbies, sports or special interests.
- A section of fabric from a favorite garment, blanket or personal possession.
- An embroidered monogram.
- Drawing or special message from a sibling, relative of friend.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEDIUMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Fabric
- Thread
- Paint
- Markers

STORIES FROM THE QUILT:

We will include 'Stories from the Quilt.' These are sometimes used for educational purposes. If you wish, you may include a brief note about your loved one: it should include his/her name, date of birth and death, a little bit about them and the story behind your quilt design. Please keep your note to less than 100 words.

AUTHORIZATION FORM (INCLUDED):

A signed authorization form is required to be returned with each square. Without the form, your square cannot be incorporated into the quilt.

PACKAGING OF THE QUILT SQUARE:

Please send your quilt square in a sealed 'Ziploc' type bag with the following identifying information:

- Name of person being honored
- Date of their death
- Your name, address, phone number
- Chart number (If you know it, feel free to contact me for the number)
- Story from the Quilt (If you wish)
- Signed authorization form, required

Form DO.05



SEND THE QUILT SQUARE PACKAGE TO:

Carrie Ellis, BA, MHS
Donor Family Liaison
Alabama Organ Center
500 22nd Street South, Suite 102
Birmingham, AL 35233
205.731.9200

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this process. Since each donor is permitted only one quilt square, please make sure that all family members have input on the design of the square.

Warmest Regards, Carrie Ellis

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