

ALABAMA DONOR FAMILY QUILT

The Alabama Organ Center's Donor Family Quilt is an opportunity for donor families 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 6" x 6".
- There should be a one inch 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 screen printed photograph of your loved one (not a hardcopy photo).
- 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.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEDIUMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Fabric
- Thread
- Paint
- Markers

STORIES FROM THE QUILT:

You may include a 'Story from the Quilt.' These are brief stories that 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.

PACKAGING OF THE QUILT SQUARE:

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

- Name of person being honored
- Date of their birth/death
- Your name, address, phone number
- Chart number (If you know it, please feel free to contact me for the number)
- Story from the Quilt (If you wish) and Authorization Form.

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.

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.

Squares are accepted anytime for this ongoing memorial. We do a quilt pinning at the Donor Memorial Service and Picnic. Alternatively, you may mail your square and authorization to me at:

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