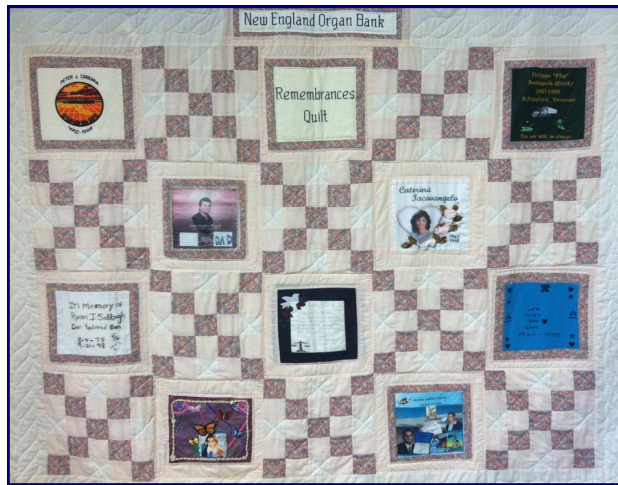


New England Donor Services *Remembrances Quilt*



The Remembrances Quilt is a testament to the generosity of donor families and a tribute to their loved ones, whose life and death the quilt commemorates. The quilt is composed of squares of fabric individually designed and created by donor family members/friends. As an ongoing project, you may send quilt squares to New England Donor Services at any time for inclusion in subsequent Remembrance Quilt panels. A square can be constructed in many different ways. We have volunteers who are willing to assist you in creating your special square in remembrance of your loved one. We look forward to receiving your submission as this quilt of remembrance continues to grow. To view all of our Remembrance Quilt panels please visit www.neds.org

How Do I Begin?

Anyone can create a square. You do not need to know how to quilt. Talk to your family members and friends. Get their input on designing the square, since only one square can be submitted per donor. Take your time and think about what you would like to include on the quilt square. What was important to your loved one? What reminds you of him or her?

Your outer quilt square **MUST** be an 8-inch x 8-inch square. The design must fit inside a 7-inch square giving us a 1/2" border to sew it to the quilt.

You may use any fabric (color or type), including sentimental materials such as part of your loved one's baby blanket, high school jacket, tie or favorite sweater. You may use paint (no watercolors), permanent markers, laminated photos or paper and thread to design the square.

Please do not use glitter, stickers, glue, crayons or paper (unless laminated), as these items can easily fall off of your quilt square.

You may adorn the square with poems, quotes and/or symbols of your loved one's life, your loved one's name, date of birth and/or date of death. Please sew everything securely (do not use glue or sticky tape). The **quilt travels frequently**, so please make sure everything is as secure as possible.

DO NOT "finish" the square with quilting or backing.

If you would like to include a photograph of your loved one, you can have a photo transferred onto fabric at a copy shop. You may also be able to purchase t-shirt transfer paper (NOTE: buy transfer paper that states, "no cracking" to ensure its permanence).

What if I Need Help Getting Started? If you are unsure of what to do: View other Quilt squares for ideas and inspiration; ask a friend or relative to help; ask local fabric stores for tips from experienced quilters; or call the New England Donor Services – we will find someone who can help you with your design.

What is the Deadline? There is no deadline. This project is ongoing so that new families always have the opportunity to remember their loved ones in this special way.

Mailing in Your Quilt Square—Please take a photo of your quilt square before you mail it so you will always remember your design. Some families make pillows, wall hangings or other artwork from their quilt design.

A photo of your quilt square will be added to the Web site once the quilt is finished. We invite you to share a story about your quilt design for our Web site as well. Stories must be limited to 100 words. You may send your story with your quilt square, or wait and send it at a later time.

Enclose the square in a zippered plastic bag to ensure its clean, safe arrival.

Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number with the square. We recommend that you send your quilt square in a padded envelope with cardboard to protect it. Send your square and story (if you are enclosing one at this time) by registered mail or insured carrier to NEDS:

Aftercare
confirming
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Gerry was very patriotic. Santa and the bag of toys represent the children he loved so much. He was wonderful with children and especially loved his two granddaughters, Audrey and Grace. The motorcycle was his great love the last few years. He enjoyed riding and was getting ready to retire to Florida where he could ride all the time. The Palm tree signifies Florida. The musical notes represent his two daughters who are singers and the marine flag represents his son who was with the special forces in the marines. He was so proud of his children. The glasses represents his occupation. He was an optician.



*Note: You should receive a letter
receipt of the square within 6-8 weeks.
notify New England Donor Services
if you do not receive confirmation.*

Pattern:

← 8" →

← 7" →

Please keep design within 7" square

Keeping your design within the 7" square allows us to attach the squares to the quilt. Please adhere to these measurements.

