

The Gift of Hope Donor Quilt

Honor Your Loved One with a Memorial Square

Memorial Squares: Words and Pictures of Lives Remembered

The Gift of Hope Donor Quilt honors the legacies of the men, women and children who offered hope and life through organ, eye and tissue donation. This visual tribute helps families honor their loved ones and extends the impact of their precious gifts. Donor Quilt panels travel throughout Illinois and northwest Indiana for display at public events, memorials and meetings to tell the donation story in a powerful way — through words and pictures of lives remembered.

Creating a Memorial Square

We invite you to share your loved one's story by creating a Memorial Square. Use the template on the back of this card to help guide this labor of love. And visit the Donor Family Services section of our website, GiftofHope.org, for other helpful hints to create your Memorial Square along with tips to safely send your finished artwork to us.

Sending a Memorial Square

When sending your Memorial Square, please include your name, address and phone number on a separate piece of paper and mail it with your Memorial Square and/or story to us. We also need a signed authorization form that allows us to publicly display your Memorial Square. You can download that form from the Donor Family Services section of GiftofHope.org. Mail your Memorial Square, identifying information and authorization form to:

Gift of Hope
Attn: Donor Family Services
425 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, IL 60143-2076

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Organ & Tissue Donor Network



◀ Use the back of this card as a template to create your Memorial Square. ▶

The outside dimensions of this card indicate the finished size of your Memorial Square.

The square indicated by the green-dashed line shows the design area of your Memorial Square. All of your work must fall within these boundaries.

Memorial Square Template

- The outside dimensions of your Memorial Square should be an eight-inch square, which is the size of this card. But your artwork and design should be confined within a seven-inch square, as illustrated by the green-dashed lines. Our quilters use the one-inch border around your seven-inch design to affix your Memorial Square to a Donor Quilt panel.
- Your Memorial Square must meet the required measurements and be heat-resistant to be added to a Donor Quilt panel. If your Memorial Square does not meet these requirements, it may be returned to you for alterations.
- We prefer that you use cotton material for your Memorial Square. Some examples of material include photo transfer fabric, or a special clothing item such as denim, flannel or a T-shirt. Any fabric color is acceptable.
- Sew everything securely and please do not use glue because it may dry out over time.
- Do not finish the Memorial Square with quilting or backing.



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For more information about our Donor Quilt and how to create and send us your Memorial Square, please visit the Donor Family Services section of GiftofHope.org or contact us at DonorFamilies@giftofhope.org or 630/758-2717.

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