

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 individuals 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. 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 signed authorization form that allows us to publicly display it. 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 Organ & Tissue Donor Network
Attn: Donor Family Services
425 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, IL 60143-2076



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 black-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 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. Do not use glue because it may dry out and stop working over time.
- Do not finish the memorial square with quilting or backing.



For more information about the Gift of Hope Donor Quilt or 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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