



Quilts for Kids:

Volunteer quilters transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need

Northeast Georgia Chapter

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www.NeGaQuiltsforkids.org

Good Bye to Betty Garrett

It is with great sorrow that I bring this message to you. Our beloved Betty Garrett passed away Monday night, September 14th while in the care of Hospice.

Betty was the most prolific piecer of quilts for our kids. She joined our group several years ago with 25 years or more of quilting experience. As a new chapter we were stretching our fabric to make as many quilts as possible by using our scraps. Betty took on the task of using them in oh so many beautiful ways. She had the knowledge to be able to look at a picture of a quilt in a catalog and know what size to cut the squares or triangles to make that pattern.

At one of our early chapter birthday celebrations, I awarded Betty with a certificate for piecing 188 quilt tops for others of us to quilt. She was so amazed at her accomplishment, she set a goal for herself. She began to count the tops that she turned in. After March this year she told me that several tops were ready. I postponed going by her house to get them and when I did, I picked up 55 tops.

Upon dismissal from the hospital last week and going to hospice, Betty told her son Gary that he needed to get the quilt tops in her closet to me. He called to tell me that there's 16 more tops coming and her final count was exactly 450. Amazing!

Betty Garrett not only touched the families of recipients of these quilts but touched the lives of all of us who worked with her at guild and workshops. She always was smiling and happy to be with us. We were so grateful for her inspiration to keep on sewing. Her work was so exact even though her hands were arthritic and she had lost vision in one eye. She was the most pleasant person to be around.

Her son wants all of us to know that our group was very special to her and filled the last few years with great purpose.

What a great team we made!



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Kits are available

Quilt shops in Buford (Georgia Sewing) and Cleveland (Quilt-n-Kaboodle) have our kits and will sign them out during normal shop hours. They also accept finished quilts or donations for Q4K. Please let me know if you require several kits or are leaving a large bundle at the shop so I can go earlier than usual and not clutter the shop.

Also, I am in the need of someone who would like to take our scrap squares and strips and make scrappy quilts for our kids. Betty Garrett had been that person who was so invaluable to us. Let me know if you are interested and I can supply you with our 6-1/2 inch squares and other scraps.

Contact me if you are ready to turn in your quilts and ask for more kits. Flu season is near and the hospital is starting to see more pediatric patients. Let's keep them stocked up. My phone is 678-617-9671.

Continue to stay safe and maybe we'll be back to normal for workshops someday. It won't be in October though. In the meantime, I have a wedding to attend. In 10 more days, my daughter Natalie will be wed. I am beyond excited. Help me count down the days to 10/10/2020, also the 73rd anniversary of my parents who passed in 1971 and 1990.

Betty Wright

Betty Wright, chapter leader
Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids
One stitch, one quilt, one kid at a time...
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Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville
751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

Cancelled until further notice

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road
Gainesville (Murrayville area)

Cancelled until further notice

Nicholson (Quilting with Friends)

175 Lakeview Dr. Nicholson, GA 30565

Cancelled until further notice

Gainesville Evening

311 Jesse Jewell Parkway Ste 101
Gainesville (Downtown)

6:30 PM

Cancelled until further notice

Bring your machine or cutting materials and your lunch and join us for cutting, sewing and fellowship!

