## Donna's Quilt

This quilt has a lot of meaning to it...

**The Red Chevron Row**: Symbolizes her husband Delbert. Red exudes a strong and powerful masculine energy. It signifies a pioneering spirit and leadership qualities. Ambition, determination, passion, love: these are all qualities that Delbert not only held in high esteem, but practiced every day.

**Blue Chevron Rows**: These symbolize Donna's children. Blue is the color of trust and responsibility, honest and loyalty, as well as devotion. Two of the blue chevron rows are identical representing Joan and Jean, and one of the blue chevron rows is just a bit different which represents Steve. There is a black and blue striped pattern that is only found in Steve's chevron row, as well as on the back of the quilt... this represents Justin.

There are a total of 64 individual blue chevrons that make up this quilt, representing the 64 years of marriage for Donna and Delbert.

The White Fabric of the Quilt: This represents Donna. The color white is associated with light, goodness, safety, and wholeness. It is the color of protection and encouragement. It offers a sense of peace and calm, as well a comfort and hope. Finally, white is the color of new beginnings. The color signifies Donna perfectly. She is the glue of the family – she holds the family together. This is why it is very fitting that the white is entwined within the whole quilt.

The quilt was made so Donna was able to wrap the quilt around her and give her the comfort that she needed after the passing of Delbert. The quilt was made with a mix of both Delbert's work shirts and dress shirts.

-With Love, Jess Howe