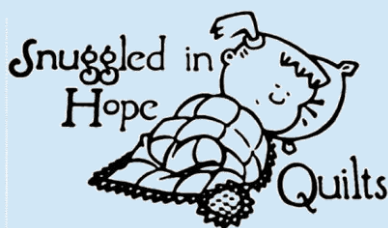




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## **VOLUNTEER – Karen Z** **Marion Sew Day**

You may recall Karen from a few months ago when we introduced her briefly as the coordinator of a small side group who sews for Snuggled-the Elgin Quilters. Her history with sewing goes a little way back when she learned to sew as a 4-H member...70 years ago! Being long- waisted she had trouble finding clothes to kit her body type, so she learned to make her own. The love of sewing, and 4-H, formed her career as a Home-Ec. And Life Skills teacher.

Married for nearly 61 years, Karen and her husband have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and she has sewn for them all. Her daughter works at Red Rooster Quilts in Dublin and Karen claims “She is a better quilter than me.” Even her son learned to sew. No surprise there with a career teaching Jr. and Sr. High students at Elgin, in Wayne and Wood Counties that lasted 38 years and also involved assisting with FHA, coaching Volleyball and track. In her spare time, she fit in working for Singer and Joann Fabrics.

Any good machine is a good tool, with Bernina being her favorite. But the tool that changed it all—the rotary cutter. Karen met Corintha through the sewing group that was meeting at the Marion Women’s Historical Club. When I asked if she had any hobbies her reply; “I turned in 150 quilts last year-so I guess Snuggled in Hope is my hobby. Making kits for her small group, machine quilting and sewing on the binding. I also make quilts for the Quilts of Valor Program”.

What keeps Karen so involved? “I love the whole process. Quilting is an outlet that allows me to do what I love and do it for those who are in need. When I receive those donations and have to figure out creative ways to use them. I love the freedom of quilting when I sit down at my machine.”

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