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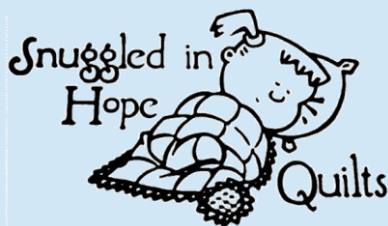
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VOLUNTEER – Jo M

Mt. Gilead, Marion & Lexington

Hold onto your hats, this gal has quite the story to share...

Sewing since she could hold a needle, Jo shared that she one time made a blouse and put the sleeves in backwards, but wouldn't admit it. She has come a long way since then, having worked in 2 factories as a Professional Sewing Machine Operator for 12 ½ years in Mansfield and Ashland, making leather sports coats and bus seats.

Moving to Texas, Jo did some upholstery alterations, was employed with Social Security, working her way up from general office work to an Administrative Aid. Yet in her free time in the evenings, she found time to take classes and earn an Associates Degree in Computer Science.

She and her (late) husband owned and operated a full time Embroidery Shop with 12 embroidery heads and one other employee.

Jo's life journey brought her back to Ohio to be closer to family after her husband passed. Wondering what she would do with herself and her time now that she didn't have to punch a time clock, she "blames" her sister Janet, another of our devoted volunteers, for introducing her to Snuggled in Hope Quilts. Jo is also active with many groups in her church, enjoys crafting of all sorts and collecting items for crocheting and her Cricket Cutter, or things that may be used one day for something or other. She is drawn to her collection of 20 sewing machines around her home, but whichever one is the one in front of her at any given time is her favorite one. No partiality there!

What is it about Snuggled that appeals to Jo? Like so many of us, she loves to sew and make things. Spending time with others who share the same feeling of being productive in making things for others keeps Jo coming to Mt. Gilead, Marion and Lexington sewing events. And of course, there is the social aspect and comradery among the various groups that many of our volunteers agree about. If you walk into any of those places, look for Jo-she usually has a big friendly smile and a fabric bag hanging from her work area to collect the snips and scraps which will eventually become pet pillows to give away once they are filled.

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