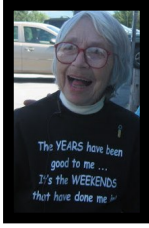


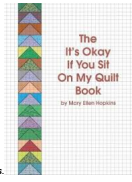
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Mary Ellen Hopkins



is with heavy heart we announce the passing of **Mary Ellen Hopkins**.



Mary Ellen was full of life and certainly marched to her own drummer when it came to quilting.

Mary Ellen opened the **Crazy Ladies and Friends Quilt Shop** in Santa Monica, California in 1977. *"The customers came in more for the fabric than for the sewing," remembers Mary Ellen. "Classes were more lectures than hands-on. Students did the work at home. From that point on, I began receiving invitations to do lectures. Getting up on a stage and talking without interruptions was great."*

After 20 years she sold the shop and devoted all her time to teaching and lectures. She later started her own publishing company. Her first book was one many of you probably have, **"It's Okay If You Sit on My Quilt Book"**

Mary Ellen is probably best known for creating the connector and perfect piecing triangles concepts and the **PPM** - Personal Private Measurement.

Thoughts and sympathy cards for Mary Ellen Hopkins can be sent to her son:

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