



**National Educator**

## Michelle (Micki) Chappelear

Micki Chappelear resides in Hillsboro, Illinois, a rural farming community where she has lived her entire life. She was introduced to her love of sewing through 4-H and doing alterations at a men's clothing store at the young age of 16. Growing up in a family of five children, Micki shared the joy of creating crafts and sewing with her mother, who always made the family's clothing.

Later in life, Micki found her passion for longarm quilting while at a Mothers' Day outing with her sisters, taking their mother to a quilt show. While there, Micki's sister spotted a Handi Quilter machine and said it looked like something she would like. Prompted by the retailer, Micki tried the machine and was hooked! After two months of dreaming about the machine and the possibilities of what she could create, and after doing her research as a consumer, she ordered the HQ Fusion® with Pro-Stitcher® and never looked back! Each day she quilts, she looks forward to turning on her machine and spending the day doing what she loves. Micki now also owns the HQ Sweet Sixteen® and all three models of the HQ Stitch® machines.

Micki and her husband have a married daughter and two darling granddaughters, Gracie and Piper. Gracie already has her first sewing machine and when she comes to visit she always asks to quilt.

Micki stays busy making memories with her family and of course, with Handi Quilter!