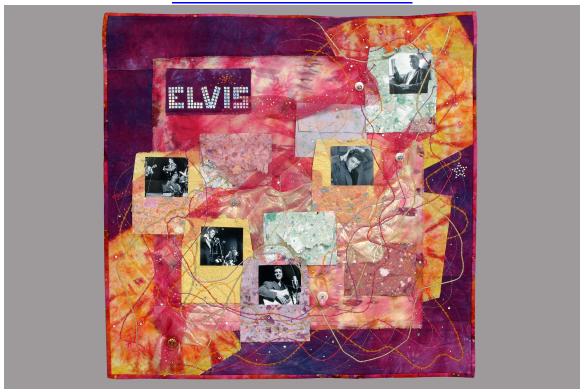
"Ladies and Gentlemen, Elvis Has Left the Building!"

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This is a 100% fun quilt. I had just completed a very serious quilt (Womb of God) that took me 13 years to complete. I was emotionally very tired from designing and completing that intensive work of art.

About that time, a friend had challenged a group of us to make a "square within a square" quilt. I began to think about what my "square within a square" quilt would look like. I actually began the quilt, but got drastically side tracked as I began to wonder what a quilt would look like with my hand made paper envelopes attached to it. As I held my envelopes to the fabric I noticed some old

calendars on my design wall that included Elvis' pictures. I playfully stuck the pictures of Elvis in the square envelopes and laughed as I contemplated if anyone would have ever called Elvis "square".

This quilt was needed "comic relief" after working on much more serious work. All of my work is spiritual in nature, in one way or another and I began to wonder how this might be considered spiritual. It finally dawned on me that my God is with me in my laughter as well as with me in my tears....