Interview with Gladys Raschka as told by Pat Cox:

In 1976, Gladys and her daughter Nancy started the quilt shop, Glad Creations. It has been the longest running quilt shop in Minnesota, but Gladys and Nancy will end their involvement in 2018—hopefully with someone else taking the shop over. Gladys was in the shop 6 days a week until she retired in her 80’s. She made many beautiful quilts, many of them designed in collaboration with me.

Gladys fell one day while trying to remove a bolt of fabric. She broke her wrist and had to stay home to keep her arm elevated for a number of days. During that time, I came across an article in Quilter’s Newsletter about a quilt made by Mary Brown, a seamstress in the Baltimore area. I showed it to Gladys and thought I could draw a version of it which would keep her busy during her “enforced timeout” planning the colors and fabrics to be used in making the quilt.

When the wrist healed, Gladys began the quilt and before very long it was finished. It was spectacular. All three of her daughters coveted the quilt so Gladys obliged and made two more versions of “Homage to Mary Brown” so each daughter could have one!