



**K**athleen E. Murphy died June 11, 2010, after a long decline resulting from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. She died as she had lived with great kindness, compassion and love. Her practice of gentleness, sweetness and equanimity to, and for all, carried her through to a good end. She has shown the way for many.

Kathleen was born July 23, 1953, in Flint, Mich. She graduated with a BFA from the California College of Arts and Crafts. After living in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 20 years, Kathleen moved with her family to Bozeman in 1993 where she managed the Bozeman Climbing Center and the Montana Venture Law office. Kathleen's passion for walking and adventure took her traveling around the world. Her faith and devotion as a Tibetan Buddhist practitioner shaped her life and character.

Kathleen is preceded in death by her father, Grant Murphy.

She is survived by her mother, Antoinette Brevillier of Colorado Springs, Colo.; her brothers, Michael Murphy of Orange County Calif., and Colin Murphy of Colorado Springs; her husband, Tom Wells; and her son, Matthew Wells.

To remember Kathleen, memorial donations may be made to Namdroling Tibetan Center in Bozeman, or to the Vajrayana Foundation in Corallitos, Calif., the home of her beloved root teacher Lama Tharchin Rinpoche.