



**C**heryl Jeanne (Ryan) Ross, 61, passed away Monday morning, July 5th, surrounded by her husband and children at her Bozeman home. Born in Spokane, Washington, to William and Marilyn Ryan, Cheryl held degrees in elementary education and music from Washington State University and taught school in Klamath Falls, Oregon, before marrying Rocky Ross in 1973. The couple lived in Germany, Washington state, and Idaho before moving their young family to Bozeman in 1983 when Rocky was offered a professorship at Montana State University.

An avid artist and quilter, Cheryl owned her own small business and was active in the crafting community. She enjoyed making her home a beautiful and welcoming place for her friends and loved ones, of whom there are many. She is survived by her husband Rocky Ross; daughters, Heidi and Jennifer Ross, son Jason and daughter-in-law Nicole Ross, and granddaughter Ruby Ross. She is additionally survived by her sister Judy Carrier, brother Terry Ryan, mother Marilyn Ryan, and a large and much-loved extended family.

A memorial for Cheryl will be held Sunday, July 11th, at Beall Park in Bozeman from noon to 3:00pm. All are welcome. An online memorial has been posted at [www.rockyandcheryl.us/cheryl](http://www.rockyandcheryl.us/cheryl).