

RITA RYSER



Rita Ryser, a longtime member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild and a current member of the Houston Area Woodcarvers, passed away in her room at memory care on Tuesday morning, November 18, 2025. She had been in hospice care for pain for the past 3 weeks. She had a bad fall on October 27, 2025, and never really recovered from that. Her husband Rick said "we know that she is now pain free and with all of our family and friends in heaven." Rita was a trained nurse and served TWG for numerous years administering first aid to many woodcarvers who had accidents during Roundup. Rick thanks her friends for all the enjoyment she had carving with us. Carving was her love. Rita was known for her outstanding chip carving skills and

won many awards at the TWG shows. There will be no service or funeral. Her ashes will be placed at the family's property in Colorado at about 8000 feet, and about 800 feet from their son Max's yurt. The site is not far from a dead tree shaped like a cross; Max named the property "Gateway to Hidden Cross." A simple small gravestone will be placed later at the site. She was able to hike to the site last year with her son Max.