

**Have your photo's  
printed on fabric  
in a Custom Photo Memory Quilt  
of your very own!**

Love, Loss & Heartache...

Many of our customers have found their quilts *therapeutic and helpful in the healing process* while grieving the loss of their loved one.

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for a quote Today!**



Rita Crawford

**Kootenay  
Custom  
Quilting**

...your memory quilt maker

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**Lost a loved one recently?**

Art reflects life; life inspires art. Artists, innately aware of this essential partnership, can find themselves motivated by life events to express their creativity through new mediums. Following the unexpected and tragic loss of her young stepson, fabric artist Rita Crawford used her passion for sewing to help calm her grief through the creation of a unique quilt in memory of the child. Her labor of love spoke volumes to others wanting a profoundly personal keepsake and Rita found herself becoming an expert 'memory quilt maker'. Shortly thereafter, Rita established Kootenay Custom Quilting and has since created dozens of unique and beautiful keepsake memory quilts.

Customized with a variety of personal items such as photographs and/or clothing fabric, and finished with quality fabrics, notions, and optional hand embroidery, Rita's memory quilts are treasured works of art. "Memory quilts were recently showcased on Extreme Home Makeover (TV)," notes Rita, "and are the next 'up and coming' big thing!" Rita points out that memory quilts have many purposes and evoke a wide range of emotions. "For instance, it can celebrate the birth of a new baby or remind a relative or friend of all the good times they've shared in their life." Many of Rita's custom quilt-works have featured beloved pets. Memory quilts also offer a thoughtful and practical gift for newlyweds, graduates and anniversary celebrations. "They are a great way of showing how much you love someone," affirms Rita.

The custom quilts are also very affordable, from \$95.00 up, depending upon the number of photos, size of quilt, materials purchased and timeline. "Start thinking about Christmas now!" encourages Rita, "It takes approximately 3 to 5 weeks to have one made, so don't wait until the last minute and be disappointed!" *Rita is offering a 15% discount to anyone that books before October 31, 2006 and mentions that they read about her in The Country Register!*

An inspiring display of Rita's quilt-work is available on her website gallery page, at [www.kcquilting.com](http://www.kcquilting.com), as well as her comprehensive history, pricing and contact information. You are also encouraged to contact Rita at (250) 365-2006 or email her at [quiltingqueen@shaw.ca](mailto:quiltingqueen@shaw.ca). -By Karen Emmond