

Jean Lois Ross, Lansing PFLAG founder, dies

Jean Lois Ross, founder of the Lansing chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, died on June 11. She was 86.

Ross earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education from the University of Michigan. She taught at several schools before settling down for 27 years in elementary schools in the Lansing School District. She retired in 1979.

In addition to a host of community service work, Ross founded Lansing's chapter of PFLAG in 1981, where she served as president and a board member for 15 years. She was also active in the Lansing Area AIDS Network and the Lansing Association for Human Rights.

Ross was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1995. She is survived by her two children, Deborah Miller of Traverse City and Richard of Washington, D.C., as well as two grandchildren, a sister and two nieces and two nephews.

The memorial service for Jean Ross will take place at 1 p.m. June 28 at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, located at 2258 Bennett Road in Okemos.