



Betty Jane Holtz

12/3/25 - 4/17/22

Betty Jane Holtz was raised in Wisconsin. She and husband Gerry moved to Southern California and built a home in 1952 in Palos Verdes Estates where Betty Jane lived until she died.

Betty Jane and Gerry traveled the world and he passed away in 1993. Her most recent trip was to Dubai, where, in her words, she went because it was one of the few places she had never been.

She retired in 1989 as Executive Vice President of Southwest Savings & Loan. After retirement, Betty Jane began volunteering at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. By the time the Covid-19 pandemic forced her to stop, she had logged more than 12,000 hours.

Betty Jane never rode but was very supportive of Gerry, who rode and showed with Roy Register for many years.

In 1991, Betty Jane was elected Secretary of the California Saddle Horse Breeders Association, after often serving as Acting Secretary for several years. She continued as secretary until her retirement in 2018.

Betty Jane was a generous sponsor of the annual California Saddle Horse Futurity Horse Show. She was a tireless worker and trophy presenter. She spent several of those years working with Kevin Michael during his tenure as show manager. "Betty Jane was the backbone of the California Saddle Horse Breeders Association board for many years and her contributions are immeasurable. We all miss her very much."

Larry Witter, President of the California Saddle Horse Breeders Association had a long friendship with Betty Jane and they spent many years together at the California Saddle Horse Futurity Horse Show. He remembered her fondly, "Betty Jane was generous to others but rarely asked anything for herself."