

## Betty Jane Gano

November 13, 1935 – October 18, 2018

Longtime rancher Betty Jane Gano, 82, of Hayden, Idaho, died in the early morning on Oct. 18 after a long battle with COPD.

The youngest of four children, Betty was born Nov. 13, 1935, to Florence Short Fish and Byron Ayers Fish. Betty attended schools in Wheatland and married Merritt Gano III in 1960. Betty and Merritt lived and ranched west of Wheatland on Deadhead Creek. They were very active in the American Quarter Horse Association. Betty had a lifelong love of horses and was an accomplished rider.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents,

her brothers, Jack and Keith and her sister Barbara as well as two step children, Jane and Red. Her niece Cara and a nephew Ron also preceded her in death as well as beloved husband Merritt.

Betty is survived by many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly and will treasure the fond memories of her. Betty is also survived by Merritt's daughter and his five grandchildren.

After Merritt died Betty moved to Hayden, Idaho where she met new friends and enjoyed the beauty and nature of Northern Idaho. She lived out her years in comfort and happiness. Her ashes will be scattered at English Point, Hayden, Idaho.