

Dr. Alan Brant Gould

August 2, 1938 - September 29, 2019

Dr. Alan Brant Gould, noted historian and former Executive Director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, died Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. He was born August 2, 1938 to Kermit H. Gould and Opal G. (Hysell) Gould of Huntington, WV. He graduated from Huntington East High School in 1956, received his B.A. (1961) and M.A. (1962) from Marshall University, followed by his Ph.D. from West Virginia University in 1969. In the fall of 1969, he returned to Marshall as an Assistant Professor of History and continued to serve Marshall, higher education, and the community through his retirement. During his 4+ decades with the University he coordinated the Regents B.A. Program, served as chairman of the History Department, and in 1980 was promoted to Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, where he served until 1988. During these years, he also served as the acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs and as an assistant to the President for special projects. In 1988 he was promoted to Senior Vice-President and in 1989 to Provost. While acting in these positions, he restructured a number of academic programs, including the Honors Program, John Marshall Scholars, and the Society of Yeager Scholars. He served as Interim President from 1990-1991 and thereafter, held the position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs until 1994. He is a past president of the West Virginia Humanities Council and River Cities Cultural Council and served as former chairman of the Cabell County Historic Landmark Commission. Although never one to speak of accomplishments, he was particularly proud of the founding of the Carter G. Woodson Bibliographic Center at the Marshall University Library and establishing the Black History Scholarship Endowment, as well as serving as the first Executive Director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, established by John and Elizabeth Drinko, a position he felt honored to hold until his official retirement in 2017. He was fortunate to have lived and shared his passion for history by travelling the world with the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Mary Nell "Burfield" Gould, who survives him. He also is survived by his three children, Adam Brant Gould and his wife Tammy (Funderburk) Gould of Speedwell, TN, Charles Kermit Gould and his wife Mary Kathryn (Midkiff) Gould of Huntington, and Christopher Burfield Gould and his wife Elizabeth (Harper) Gould of Churchton, Maryland; five granddaughters, Mary Madeline Gould, Elizabeth Brant Gould, Abigail O'Conner Gould, Isabel Campbell Gould, and Amelia Harper Gould.; and four

nieces, Susan Flavin, Lynda Baker, Carla Wescott and Colleen Thew. Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Chapman's Mortuary from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A memorial service is being planned. Online condolences may be sent to www.chapmans-mortuary.com.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Chapman's Mortuary, Inc.

2851 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV, US, 25702

Comments



“ A wonderful teacher that I was fortunate to have for a history class. He truly cared about his students. My hand would cramp taking notes in his class as I would want to write down everything he said. I and Marshall were truly blessed to have him as a teacher. My condolences to his family.

mary kathryn prester - November 04, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ I have early memories in my Uncle Alan. My memories are on a personal level, family memories. I was at grandmother Gould's quite a lot back then. Uncle Alan used to give me cough drops that laid on his desk when he was studying, I was four or five years old. He had a picture of Custer's last stand on the wall that I spent hours studying. He was always a gentle and kind person. Our family had to move to Baltimore when I was 10 and distance and life let us drift apart. My last memory of uncle Alan was in grandmother's kitchen once I was married and had a family of my own many years ago. I cherish the memories. I've never forgotten the little things. Uncle Alan, you've always been in my heart and my thoughts.

Denise Shower Goddard - October 28, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Alan. I worked with him in many capacities. He was always friendly and I had great respect for him. When I retired in 1999, he was one of my many university friends I have missed.
Virginia Plumleyh



Virginia Plumley - October 06, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Dr. Gould was both a role-model and a mentor to me. I miss him now, and will miss him every time I have a question that requires his long experience and broad outlook to answer. He was one of a kind.

Chuck Somerville
Dean, College of Science
Marshall University

Chuck Somerville - October 05, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Cousin and friend. Will miss you, buddy.

Vic Nunley
Magnolia, Delaware

Victor Nunley - October 04, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Dr. Gould was an excellent teacher, a marvelous mentor and a good friend. We will miss his confidence and encouragement. Carrie Eldridge

Carrie Eldridge - October 03, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ Marshall University Research Corporation purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Dr. Alan Brant Gould.



Marshall University Research Corporation - October 03, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ What an amazing teacher! My first semester at Marshall after returning from four years in the military I picked his history class. That was a very lucky break for me as his class was by far the best . The way he taught history was like going to a movie I looked forward to hearing him bring to life the history of this great country. Many years after I graduated I saw Dr. Gould and thanked him, for helping me get my footing that first semester back in 1969.

Charles R "Dick" Tutwiler

Dick Tutwiler C.P.C.L.A., P.C.L.A. - October 03, 2019 at 06:37 AM



“ Clayton Harper & Anna Jessup purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alan Brant Gould.



Clayton Harper & Anna Jessup - October 02, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ Laura Lawal and Your Booz Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Alan Brant Gould.



Laura Lawal and Your Booz Family - October 02, 2019 at 01:37 AM



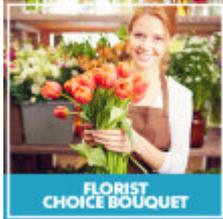
“ What a kind individual, citizen, patriot, and instructor. I cannot say enough good things about Dr. Gould. I was in his History 311 class soon after he returned to Marshall to teach. And he did such a fine job—totally committed to his students. The year after I retired from teaching, I wrote a memoir and asked Dr. Gould if he would read it and give his opinion. He seemed happy to honor my request, and I am proud to say that this one act of kindness is how he personally touched my life. Whenever I look at the back of one of my books, I see Dr. Gould’s name and what he had to say, then I pause for a moment and remember . . .

David Lee Thompson, Retired Teacher
Cabell County Public Schools

David Lee Thompson - October 02, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Brant Gould.



October 01, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ With my love & prayers. Grandma Junie (Loretta Mc purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alan Brant Gould.



With my love & prayers. Grandma Junie (Loretta Mc - October 01, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Brant Gould.



October 01, 2019 at 05:13 PM