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Richard Gould '56
WHS Senior Photo

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Washington High School Class of '56
January 24, 1938 - March 31, 2017

Richard "Dick" Gould, age, 79 passed away March 31, 2017 at Vibra Hospital in Colorado due to medical complications from pneumonia. Richard has courageously fought spinal cell sarcoma for ten years.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Richard's family will be present to greet friends for visitation from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday April 7, 2017 at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, SD.

Richard was born January 24, 1938 in Peoria, Illinois to Clara Rose (Kamben) and John Gus Gould. He grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota attended Franklin Elementary, graduated from 8th grade at Whitter and graduated from Washington Senior High School in 1956 where he lettered in football and track. He designed the Washington High School mascot "Willie The Warrior".

Richard served active duty in The United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict/War. He was stationed in Japan where he was introduced to Japanese Shotokan Karate. He trained under Sensei Funakoshi while in Japan. After his honorable discharge from the US Marines he taught figure skating for the city of Sioux Falls, SD. This is where he met the love of his life and his soulmate, Ronna Mae (Lodermeier) Gould who was also an instructor. They were married on March 23, 1963 at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls and enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Richard and Ronna have been residents of Brookings, South Dakota the past 50 years.

Richard loved to travel with family, friends or his "karate" family for pleasure or karate functions. He was a great leader and had a great sense of humor. He was fun to be around.

Richard was a licensed journeymen electrician in Sioux Falls before pursuing a college degree. He graduated from South Dakota State with a BS and MS degree in 1970. He was a professor at Dakota State University and football coach before accepting an administration position at The Flandreau Indian School, which he held for 35 years until retirement in June 2004. He was a member of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. He was the owner of Gould Prairie Light House in Brookings from 1978 -1982.

Richard founded The American Shotokan Karate Federation in 1983 which remained under his direction. He founded the South Dakota State University Shotokan Karate Club as an adjunct professor where he taught karate physical education classes for SDSU. SDSU graduates formed karate cubs upon graduation. His ASKF organization grew to thirty-five clubs in the Midwest. He passed his love of karate to his son, David. The two of them enjoyed a tight bond through karate.

Richard has published two mystical novels Red Sun On Journey and The Oracles of Perception, an American Shotokan Karate Instructor's Course in binder form, Manuals for: Master Training, Black Belt Training, ASKF Testing, Kenshusei Manual, Renshi, Tournament Rules plus monthly ASKF newsletters.

Richard holds a 9th degree black belt in The American Shotokan Karate Federation. He is held in highest esteem throughout the United States and Europe for his knowledge and instruction of Shotokan Karate.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ronna Mae Gould of Brookings, SD; son, Richard David Gould of Denver, CO; daughter, ReJeanne Renee (Michael) Lebron of Janesville/Milton, WI; grandchildren: Brandon (Allyson) Lebron, Krysta and Kelsey Lebron; great grandsons: Masyn, Jayden, Damen and Brysen; brother, Rickford (Rick) Standing of Sioux Falls, SD, Rodney Standing of Rapid City, SD. sister-in-law, Barbara (Robert) Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard is preceded in death by his mother, Clara Rose Standing; father, Gus John Gould; step-father, Leland Standing; brother, Ronald Dean Gould, brother-in-law, Gene Vernal Lodermeier; and sister-in-law, Kay Standing all of Sioux Falls, SD.



Thanks to Don Noordsy '58 and Frank Owens '53 for alerting the O&B of Richard's passing.