



Marge C. Gould

May 30, 1943 - May 11, 2020

Marge Christensen Gould, 76, of Balboa, PCZ, passed away peacefully at her home in Tucson, Arizona on May 11, 2020.

Marge was a 30+ year resident of Tucson. Her father, Joseph Watson worked for the US Navy in the Panama Canal Zone, and her husband David Christensen was a US Naval Seaman stationed there as well. Marge and David spent many years in Beverly, Massachusetts with their children, Karen and Kim, before moving to Tucson in 1986. Marge was a teacher for more than 40 years at the Junior High and High School levels. She taught English and Literacy Skills at Catalina Magnet High School in Tucson from 1986-2013. Working with immigrant and refugee students from all over the world, Marge's teaching program focused not only on literacy but also on the skills needed to prepare students for the 21st century workplace. Her annual "Celebrate Literacy Evening" events received national attention, awarding students with computers and scholarships. Marge was chosen as the Circle K Southern Arizona Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001, and was named to USA Today's 2000 All Teacher Team. Marge published two books, "Motivational English for At-Risk Students" and "Developing Literacy & Workplace Skills". Following David's passing, Marge met her second husband Herman Gould, optometrist. The two were married for 9 years until Gould's passing in 2009. Marge and Herman published "Lov-E-Mail", a collection of loving messages for strong relationships. Marge loved the Arizona desert and the Tucson Mountains.

Marge is survived by her brother Russell Watson of Hereford, AZ, her daughters, Karen Christensen-Grubb of Orlando, FL and Kim Christensen Clark of Seattle, WA, and four grandchildren – Joseph and Jenna Christensen, and Charlotte and Anna Clark.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marge's honor to Literacy Connects (LiteracyConnects.org), a Tucson-based nonprofit that connects people to a world of opportunities through literacy and creative expression. This is a mission that was always near and dear to Marge's heart. Marge's family would especially like to thank the Memory Care team at Sunrise Senior Living at 4975 N. 1st Avenue, Tucson, for the loving care they provided to Marge during her last few difficult years.

From Lov-E-Mail: "Each new day is better and more wonderful than the day before,

because we make it happen”.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

Comments



“ Marge’s indelible energy and guidance will live forever in the countless lives she impacted for so many years. I was one of the lucky to be associated with her and her teams and consider her a friend forever.

Steve Santa Cruz - May 18, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Marge was a treasured friend and valued colleague when we worked alongside each other at Catalina High School. I was awed and inspired by her ability to reach even the most recalcitrant students and also by her ability to individualize and differentiate both instruction and assessment. Marge got the best out of her students because they knew she loved them and was devoted to their well-being. Her ability to bring in community volunteers and resources was unrivaled. In a profession where the goal is to have an influence on student growth and development, Marge Gould doubtless helped thousands of her kids over the course of her career, especially those who need dedicated teachers the most. I’ll miss her, but her influence on me as both a person and a professional will last the rest of my life.

Rex Scott - May 16, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Marge was my first cousin! I attended her and Dave’s wedding in Panama with my Aunt Elaine. She and Dave were wonderful to me when I attended college in Vermont. I visited with them on weekends when I traveled to Beverly, Mass to visit my Aunt Joy, her kids and Dave and Marge and their kids. Marge was one of the brightest, most creative people I know! She had boundless energy and a heart of gold especially for her students!
Karen, Kim, Russell and their families have lost a beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother and our family has lost a dear member!

Dorothy - May 16, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Marge was a warrior on behalf of disadvantaged and marginalized youth. Her tireless efforts yielded positive results and touched countless lives for the better. Marge was a force for good and the world is a better place because she was here. I had the unique privilege of working with Marge on Project LEARN (Literacy Education and Resource Network), a project of the Arizona Supreme Court. She had a wonderful ability to engage the community as volunteers, benefactors and supporters. Everyone who worked with her considered it a privilege to serve on TEAM MARGE. She is dearly loved and missed. May she Rest in Peace.

Dorothy (Dottie) Wodraska

Friend and Colleague

Dorothy Wodraska - May 15, 2020 at 08:57 PM