

James Gould, 69 ✓

Nov. 8, 1933 - Jan. 23, 2003

DES MOINES – James J. Gould was born Nov. 8, 1933, in Harlan, to Russell and Florence Holmquest Gould. He was raised in Harlan and assisted his father with the training and showing of horses. In 1952, he graduated from Harlan High School and attended Iowa State University, Simpson College before receiving a BA degree in Education from the University of Northern Iowa. He received a MA degree in Education from the University of Iowa. He moved to Grinnell in the early 1970's and worked as a consultant in the Department of Education for the State of Iowa. He retired in December of 2000.

March 30, 1992, he married Betty J. Davis in Grinnell. The couple moved to Des Moines following their marriage. While living in Grinnell, he was a member of the United Methodist Church and Past Master of the Hermon Masonic Lodge and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star. He was also Past Commander and High Priest of the Royal Arch of the York Rite, was an area coordinator of the Za Ga Zig Shrine and Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus of the Za Ga Zig Shrine Trike Unit. He died Jan. 23, 2003, at his home in Des Moines, at age 69.

His mother and his sister, Barbara A. Hess, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Betty Davis-Gould of Des Moines; his father and stepmother, Russell and Arlene Gould of Harlan; one son, John P. Gould of Omaha, NE; one stepson, Robert J. Bullock of Des Moines; one stepdaughter, Marilyn D. Balmer of Brooklyn; six step grandchildren; four step great grandchildren; and one brother, Graham T. Gould of Omaha, NE.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating. Honorary casket bearers were members of the Za Ga Zig Shrine Trike Unit, Pete Adams, Dick Boylan, Bob Bullock, Tom Ellis, Dean Higgins, Jim Kinnan, Jeff McKern, John Oldam, Terry Smith, Dan Willson and Eric Willson. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

