



## Eugene John "Jan" Gould

September 20, 1940 - January 30, 2023

Eugene John 'Jan' Gould was born on September 20th, 1940 and passed away peacefully on January 30th, 2023.

Jan was born in Hawaii to John William Gould and Clara Yuk Chin Yee. He spent the first 18 years of his life in foster care with a local family. Shortly after a challenging childhood, he enlisted in the Army and traveled the world playing basketball on a regimental team. He spent time in the US Military in France during which he picked up the name 'Jan' from the French pronunciation of Gene.

Following an honorable discharge from the Army, he matriculated to Austin Texas to attend the University of Texas. It was at UT where he met the true love of his life Vicky Lynn Gould. Jan and Vicky quickly started a family and laid down roots in the Austin area where he would spend the rest of his life.

After graduating with a Bachelor degree in Biology Jan found his calling in coaching and teaching. He coached multiple sports, eventually utilizing his experience as a country club Tennis Pro in his role as a Head Tennis Coach and Biology teacher at Round Rock High School making an impact on his athletes and students along the way. Once retired, Jan spent the rest of his life familiarizing himself with his Jewish heritage. He taught himself to read and speak Hebrew and converted to Orthodox Judaism in his late 70s;

attending Temple at Congregation Tiferet Israel located inside the Dell Jewish Community Center.

Jan had a crazy sense of humor and everyone he knows has a funny story to share. He could inspire someone to change their life and then drive his loved ones crazy in the same minute. Jan is survived by his wife Vicky and his children Stephen and wife Yuri, Christy and husband Tim, Jonathan and wife Nathalie, David and wife Anna, and AJ; and grandchildren Kayla, Julie, Jacob, Sunny, Samson, Haley, Nate, and John Luke.

He overcame a tough beginning and made a lasting impact on everyone he met. He's the only half Jewish/half Asian person with chutzpah to go by 'Jan' in Texas in the late 60s. Jan Gould will be dearly missed and long remembered.

If you would like to honor his passion for teaching, please consider a donation to the Youth Educator Fund at Congregation Tiferet Israel. <https://www.tiferetaustin.org/donations> Press the member or non-member option and then choose the Youth Educator Fund from the dropdown menu via card or send the donation to Congregation Tiferet Israel, PO Box 27254, Austin, TX, 78755, indicate on behalf of the Gould Family for the Youth Educator Fund.

Funeral and burial services will be held 11:00 am on Friday, February 3rd at Austin Memorial Park -- 2800 Hancock Drive.

To stream the funeral, please go to the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals>. A Facebook account is not required in order to view. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in, click "not now" and the livestream will be available for you to view. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for

you to select.

# Previous Events

## Computer Accessible Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Austin Natural Funerals Facebook Page  
<http://facebook.com/austinnaturalfunerals>

*The livestream will begin and appear on the page just before 11am. A Facebook account is not required in order to watch. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in, click "not now" and the livestream will be available for you to view. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for you to select.*

## Funeral

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Austin Memorial Park  
2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Jan’s passing. He (and his family) have been the absolute gift from Heaven neighbors to my brother and his family for decades. He had such a patient, spiritual as well as philosophical approach to life. Profound wisdom and deep thinker! I will be eternally grateful to have met him and for the spiritual comfort he provided for my brother (and his family) when it was needed the most. May his family find solace in knowing how beloved and admired Jan will remain in our hearts. May he rest in eternal peace.

With love,  
Carol Manning & family

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**Carol Manning** - November 13, 2023 at 12:10 PM

FW

“ I loved Jan and his devotion to YHWH, the God of creation! Loved going to the Torah stuies in the church he attended and the Moedim observances that he put together for those seeking a deeper understanding of the Hebrew roots of Christianity. His laughter, compassion and seriousness when trying to help others will be missed by all that had known him until we see him again. Pam and I extend our condolences to Vicky and the whole body of family and friends who appreciated his passion.

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**Frank Wilm** - July 19, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SW

“ Jan was my Hebrew Heritage Sunday School teacher for ten years at Central Baptist Church in Round Rock. I learned so much from him. I enjoyed his teaching and love of teaching the Jewish roots of Christianity. He and Vicky shared many dinners in his home and sponsored many Jewish events. I always felt close to Jan and Vicky and protective of him. So sad to just now hear he is no longer with us in the flesh but with Yeshua, his Lord and Savior and know he is so happy! My prayers continue for Vicky and the family. I love you.  
Shirley Walker

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**Shirley Walker** - June 20, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Eugene John "Jan" Gould.

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February 21, 2023 at 11:37 AM

DM

“ So very sorry to hear of Jan's passing. I have fond memories of his kindness, smile, sense of humor and his huge heart. His stories would always make me laugh, and his love for Vicky and his family were always evident. Truly, a wonderful man! Keeping you all in my prayers. Darlene Mascioletti

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**Darlene Mascioletti** - February 07, 2023 at 04:09 PM

DG

“ I was very sad to hear about Jan's passing. I have known him in a number of different capacities. In junior high, I mowed commercial lawns for him during the summer. In high school, he was my substitute teacher. When I moved to TBCH as a house parent, he was a teacher and mentor.

*I will miss Jan's love for G-d's word, and his heart for others. Sara and I are praying for the entire Gould family.*

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**David Gillia** - February 06, 2023 at 06:48 PM

KJ

“ Jan introduced me to the Jewish Jesus in the mid 2000s. He was a wonderful and gracious rabbi, although he did not identify himself as such. I am deeply indebted to him for helping me discover our Jewish heritage. His family must have been extra blessed to have such a wonderful soul in their midst. My condolences and deepest respect to all his family and close friends.



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**kendall johns** - February 03, 2023 at 10:07 PM

BD

“ Coach Gould! He was the best mix of stern, laughter and a father-like figure on the court. He expected hard work and your best and would always help you get there. Our deepest condolences for you loss. He was very much loved. RRHS Tennis!

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**Bella Desai** - February 03, 2023 at 09:20 PM

DD

“ He was the coach of both of our daughters, Ami and Bella at Round Rock High School.  
A very friendly and pleasant personality.  
May his soul Rest In Peace.  
Our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.  
-Dinesh & Ansuya Desai

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**Dinesh Desai** - February 03, 2023 at 01:32 PM

TH

“ I was so very fortunate to be in a retired Coaches Bible Study with Jan a few years back. His knowledge and love of our Lord was exemplary.  
I am blessed to have known him.  
May our loving Father and Lord wrap His caring arms around his wife, children, and family and give them comfort and peace.  
RIP my friend.  
Well done good and faithful servant.  
Tom Hancock

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**Tom Hancock** - February 03, 2023 at 01:07 PM

LE

“ Jan Gould felt like a friend from the moment I met him. He knew no strangers, and conveyed nothing but openness and kindness, always. He often told me how grateful he was for Vicky and his family. His beautiful spirit will live on through them, and through all those who loved him.

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**Laura M. Ekery** - February 03, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Excited to learn some Hebrew, I joined a class which Jan Gould taught.

*This was the beginning and lasting friendship between myself, Jan and Vicky. The most memorable time from many others was when I joined them on a trip to the beautiful land of Israel. Jan’s sense of humor, love for Israel, and willingness to share his life experiences were a special gift to me. Jan will be dearly missed. My condolences and love to Vicky.*

*Martha Bowman*

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**Martha Bowman** - February 02, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ Jan Gould was a great friend, and a natural mentor. I can still hear his laughter, and see his bright eyes lighting up the room. His sincere care for others was ever present, and his big heart will be dearly missed. We will always remember the wonderful meals together, and fun times we had with he and Vicky. Our Condolences to Vicky and family - Jim Bowman

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**James Bowman** - February 02, 2023 at 04:21 PM

GM

“ Condolences and prayers to Vicky and her family. Jan was one of me favorites, I always enjoyed his stories and escapades. He could always put a smile on your face and he will be greatly missed.

*Gary McLeod*

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**Gary McLeod** - February 02, 2023 at 10:38 AM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Vicki and the kids! Jan was one of a kind who loved the Lord! He made an impact wherever he went, in the classroom, on the tennis court, at church, and social gatherings. He always made you smile with a laugh! Jan Gould will be missed here on earth but Heaven has gained a special man!

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**Mike & Debby Tibbetts** - February 02, 2023 at 12:10 AM

DR

“ Vicky- So very sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you and your family.

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**Deb Ropelewski** - February 01, 2023 at 04:57 PM

GV

“ It was a pleasure to have known and work with Coach. He truly cares for his students.  
Gloria B Vallejo

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**Gloria B Vallejo** - February 01, 2023 at 02:24 PM

BC

“ We remember the countless Friday nights that we shared with Jan & Vicky, Charles & Sharon & with Don & Jan Schmidt! We'd also get together several nights in a row when we shipped all our kids off to church camp! We had a ball. Jan was one of a kind! He was always laughing & making us laugh! He loved Jesus with every fiber of his being & was so knowledgable! We will miss you, old friend! Save us a seat close to the throne!

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**Bill & Sharlyne Crisp** - February 01, 2023 at 01:55 PM

BM

“ *I remember first meeting him after starting to work with Vicky. He was always there for his family and made sure Vicky fulfilled her role as his number one helpmate. Over the years he became as much a friend as was his family. I will miss him and hearing stories about his adventures.*

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**Barbara Miller** - February 01, 2023 at 01:03 PM