



Valgene Gould

May 16, 1928 - March 18, 2013

Valgene Gould

Age: 84 years

A resident of Energy, Illinois and a native of Johnson County Illinois.

Valgene passed away Monday morning, March 18, 2013, at 2:10 AM at the Herrin Hospital.

Valgene was born May 16, 1928 in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Audis L. & Faye (Newton) Gould.

Valgene was united in marriage to Gertrude "GiGi" Johnson on December 9, 1946 at the Johnson County Courthouse in Vienna, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include:

A Daughter – Brenda Rea and her husband Robert of Benton, IL

A Son – D. Michael Gould and his wife Jody of Energy, IL

3 Grandchildren – Michael "Cole" Gould and his wife Lesley of Energy, IL

Scarlett Rea Lyons and her husband Kenny of Florence, AL

Hilary Rea Remm and her husband Paul of Benton, IL

5 Great Grandchildren – Adeline and Emmalise Lyons, Sarah Hope Lyons,

Ariadne Remm and Teresa Pender

In addition to his parents, Valgene was preceded in death by:

An infant grandson – Robert Jefferson Rea

2 Brothers – J.D. Gould and Robert J. Gould

An infant brother

Valgene attended the Tall Tree Grade School and the Vienna High School. Valgene had a strong work ethic and he is remembered by his family for being paid at the age of nine years the same wage as his father, Audis, when he assisted neighbors with farm work. Valgene served in the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge, Valgene worked in area ordnance plants as a welder. He later was employed by Knutt Aronson, a general contractor, and worked on a number of building projects including the construction of the Herrin Swimming Pool. Valgene became a general contractor and was an Illinois licensed plumber. He developed Gould Subdivision and later built and operated the Green Acres Golf Course at Energy. Valgene, along with his family, operated the course until his retirement and sale of the course in 2004.

Valgene loved the game of golf and was a member of the Southern Illinois Golf Association. Over the years, he sponsored numerous sports teams and particularly enjoyed supporting and participating in various bowling leagues. Valgene loved to travel and loved motorcycling. He was a dedicated “Ford” man and approved of any piece of equipment that bore a Ford label.

Valgene was a devoted Christian and had a deep faith in God. He and his family were charter members, along with Mildred Hindman Phegley and her family, of the Herrin Church of Christ. Valgene oversaw the construction of the original church building in the early 1960's.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon, March 21, 2013, at 1

PM at the Herrin Church of Christ, 3101 S. Park Ave., Herrin, Illinois.

Interment will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Visitation will be from 11 AM – 1 PM Thursday at the Herrin Church of Christ.

Memorials may be made to the Herrin Church of Christ, 3101 S. Park Ave., Herrin, IL 62948.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Herrin Church of Christ
3101 S. Park Avenue
Herrin, IL

Service

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Herrin Church of Christ
3101 S. Park Avenue
Herrin, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Valgene Gould*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. We are sorry for your loss.*

*The Kraft's
Chris, Theresa, Michael and Samantha*

The Kraft's - March 23, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sending my love to the family. So many memories of the Sunday dinners and felowship shared with all of you. God Bless and keep you strong.*



Virginia Jnes - March 20, 2013 at 07:40 AM



“ *We wish to extend our sympathy to the Gould family. We were next door neighbors when we first moved to the area, and always thought well of Val and Gigi. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you through the coming days.
Jeanne Eaton and family*



Jeanne Eaton - March 19, 2013 at 09:25 PM

MR

“ *Melanie Randolph lit a candle in memory of Valgene Gould*



Melanie Randolph - March 19, 2013 at 08:09 PM

MN

“ *Dear Gertrude, Brenda, Mike and extended families, please accept our sincere sympathy as you mourn Valgene’s passing. The bible reminds us in John 14:2, Jesus said “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.” May we all find solace in God’s comforting words during this difficult time. The Newtons, Mike, Rhoda and Charlie*

Mike and Rhoda Newton - March 19, 2013 at 05:40 PM

TR

“ *The Robertson lit a candle in memory of Valgene Gould*



the robertson - March 19, 2013 at 04:28 PM

TR

Sorry for your lost the robertson

the robertson - March 19, 2013 at 04:28 PM

JG

“ Dear Gertrude and family, Please accept heartfelt condolences for the loss of husband and father, who for the rest of us was a longtime friend and fun-loving gentleman. Joe and Shirley Goddard

Joe and Shirley Goddard - March 19, 2013 at 10:05 AM

JE

“ Jon And Shirley Eller lit a candle in memory of Valgene Gould



Jon and Shirley Eller - March 18, 2013 at 11:13 PM

JE

Gertrude, Brenda, Mikie and family, we are so sorry for the loss of ValGene. We sure remember good times with our cousin. Love to you all, Jon & Shirley Eller

Jon and Shirley Eller - March 18, 2013 at 11:16 PM

KN

"Safely Home"

*I am in heaven now dear one's. I am so happy and it's so bright
There is such perfect joy and beauty here in this ever lasting light
All of the pain and worry is now gone, every restless tossing past
I am at peace forever, I'm safely home in heaven at last*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly trod the valley of shade
God's love is illuminated with every dark and fearful glade
He came himself to meet me, that is so hard to tread
"Oh" I had God's arm to lean on, Now could I have one doubt to dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still
Try to look beyond earth's shadows. Pray and to trust our father's will
There is still work waiting for, so you must not idly stand
Do it now while your life remains, until you can also rest in God's
glorious land*

*When that work is all complete, God will gently call you to him
Oh the rapture of that meeting and the joy it is to live again!
I am waiting for you all in heaven, My leaving you was not of my choice
I will come to meet again when I hear your loving voice...*

*Your Father Grandpa Great Grandpa
Loving Husband
Val*

Karl & Anna Newton Brighton, Colorado

Karl Newton - March 20, 2013 at 05:38 AM

RH

“ Thinking of your family during this time.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - March 18, 2013 at 08:56 AM