



Prescott Wilder Gould

March 4, 1923 - November 19, 2015

Prescott Wilder Gould passed away on November 19, 2015 peacefully at his residence at Alexander Court, Santa Barbara. He was 92 years old.

Prescott was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 4, 1923, son of Richard Hartshorn Gould and Anna Katherine Spencer Gould. He was the youngest sibling to Anne, Richard, and Frances Gould. His family moved from Boston to Long Island, New York. Prescott returned to Massachusetts to attend Amherst College, graduating in 1948.

Prescott proudly served in the Marine Corps in World War 2 as an aviator and fighter pilot, from 1944 to 1946, retiring at the rank of Captain.

He met, fell in love with, and married Julia (Jan) O'Neal in 1952, enjoying a blessed 54 years of marriage.

Prescott joined American Express in 1948, and in 1962 the family moved to Sunningdale, Berkshire, England where he remained for almost 20 years. He then followed his dream by moving to Santa Barbara in 1981.

He worked with the Chamber of Commerce for several years. He also was an avid golf player, frequenting both Sandpiper and Community Golf Courses.

Prescott is survived by four of his children: Allen, Richard, Spencer (and Cynthia) and Carolyn (and Ted). Also his four beloved grandchildren, Allie and Gabe Kaster and Adrian and Anne Wilder Gould.

He is predeceased by his loving wife, Julia O'Neal Gould and son, Jonathan Gould. He also fondly remembered his faithful dog, Daphne.

The family would like to thank the staff at Wood Glen Hall and Alexander Court for their kind and compassionate care of Prescott over the past several years.

The family is holding a private memorial service and would also like to thank the funeral home Welsh-Ryce-Halder. Please visit their website if you would like to contact the family or leave a message.

Comments



“ Pres. and Jan were the lady and gentleman we met upon being part of Carriage Hill . they were so hospitable and lovely. we will never forget their leadership and friendship.They were an amazing couple and we have missed them, and we wish sympathy to your family upon their passing...Pat and Terry Straehley

Terry Straehley - December 07, 2015 at 08:00 PM



“ Although the Goulds are family (my mother), and I knew Prescott's folks, I didn't meet Pres until August of 1963 when I was stationed in Germany with the US Army during the Cold War. His uncle Allen and aunt Barbara Gould were vacationing to London and invited me and an Army friend along. We met Pres & Jan at their home in Sunningdale where we met all the kids, who then knew more about cricket than baseball. Pres got us in to see Prince Phillip play polo, and some fine restaurants; it was quite a trip for two young GIs.
Some years later my wife and I went to California to meet our daughter and we all spent a night at Pres & Jan's home in Santa Barbara, with Pres giving us a tour of the town. We had a great time with them. Pres and I stayed in touch with each other by letter and e-mail through the years until he moved to Alexander Court.
We will miss him.

Robert Chesebro, - December 07, 2015 at 01:10 PM



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Spencer Gould - December 06, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ To the Family,
Pres and I played many rounds of golf together both at Sandpiper and Muni. There were days that only he and I would play because of rain. Richard and Pres played golf several times with my son, Robert and myself.
Pres. was a fine man and I will miss him.
With sorrow.
Bob Janicek

