



Mary Emma Sowter Gould

March 21, 1924 - March 5, 2016

Mary Emma Sowter Gould, aged 91, passed away at home on March 5th, 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by her family. She was born March 21st, 1924 in Hackensack, New Jersey, to John E. and Clara W. Sowter. She married Thomas Richard Gould on May 23rd, 1953 in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

She is survived by Tom, her husband of 62 years; children Barbara Miller of Atascadero, California, Priscilla Roberts (Ken) of Tucson, Arizona, John Gould (Leslie) of Midland, Texas, MarySue Howisey (Chuck) of Salt Lake City, and Tom Gould (Shari) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 13 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mary grew up in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1941. She attended Guilford College in North Carolina, and graduated from Columbia Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York City with a bachelor of science in nursing degree in 1946. She worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center until her marriage to Tom in 1953 when she devoted herself to care of her growing family. Mary and Tom lived in Martinsville, New Jersey, until 1972 when they moved their family to Littleton, Colorado. Except for a one year stint in Sao Paulo, Brazil, they remained in Littleton until 1995, when they retired to Tucson, Arizona. They moved to Salt Lake City in 2012.

Mary's compassion manifested itself in many ways. She returned to work as a nurse in 1975, and continued working until retiring in the late 1980s. After moving to Tucson, she and Tom volunteered with Mobile Meals, taking meals to senior citizens. Mary also looked after her "old ladies," most of whom were younger than her. She would also take cookies to the newspaper salesmen working at traffic intersections around Tucson. These acts of compassion came as naturally to her as breathing.

In retirement, Mary worked for several summers in Yellowstone National Park, a place she loved to visit, and with deep family history.

Mary's family was her pride and joy. She loved and cherished her children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was beloved matriarch to a clan of 34.

The family would like to thank the staff of CareSource Hospice, particularly Jody Davis and Dr. Carole Baraldi.

A celebration of life will be held at Church of the Resurrection, 1131 S. Main Street, Centerville, Utah, 84014 on Saturday, March 12th, at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to Church of the Resurrection or to CareSource Charitable Foundation, 1624 East 4500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Church of the Resurrection
1131 S. Main Street
Centerville, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Emma Sowter Gould*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I only knew Tom and Mary from attending the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Bountiful. I always thought what a great couple, what a devoted husband Tom was. What great Episcopalians they are. Now they are together once again. What happiness.*

Raymond Connolly - May 11, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary Gould always offered a smile to everyone she saw, along with kind words of enthusiasm. I met her, along with her splendid family, in the early 1970's at St. Gregory's Episcopal church in Littleton, Colorado. Her daughter Barbara and I attended University of Northern Colorado together. No matter where I saw Mrs. Gould, she always had a smile and words of enthusiasm. Her heart is gold and it's shining love to everyone. Blessings on everyone. ~Carolyn Elliott*

Carolyn Elliott - March 12, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *On a night i sat with Mary while the family had some respite, she motioned with her finger for me to come closer. Then she blurted... You're crazy to be here now?" i laughed and asked her how she knew i was crazy? "Because I am too and have no plans to change such fun!" This is a great example of Mary's personality I have known for almost 2 years at Park Lane where she and Tom live. And the one I cherish to remember. Beau Chaine'*

Beau Chaine' - March 12, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Emma Sowter Gould.



March 10, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Emma Sowter Gould.



March 10, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ LaVelle Conner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Emma Sowter Gould



LaVelle Conner - March 10, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Emma Sowter Gould.



March 09, 2016 at 11:56 PM



“ *Dear Mr. Gould, Barbara, Priscilla, John, MarySue, and Tom,*

Please accept our deepest sympathies on your dear mother's passing. What fond memories I have of your long & narrow, front side yard, next to Grecos', on Spring Run Lane! It seemed like every afternoon, after school, all the neighborhood kids would descend upon your house to play touch football or whiffle ball or soft ball... and not once do I remember your Mom shooing us away! What a good sport! You all must miss her terribly.

Thanks to whoever wrote this lovely story of your Mom's life in her obituary. Though its been decades since we were playing out front, reading this has made your Mom come alive again for me. The Lord bless you with comfort & peace as only He can. My husband's dear mom passed away just ten days ago. So we get it.

*Love, Alison (Johnsrud) Linton
West Chester, PA*

Alison Linton - March 08, 2016 at 08:17 PM

AE

“ Tom: My heart goes out to you. You and Mary were such delightful residents of Parklane. You meant the world to my dad, Jack Schade. I always appreciated both of you. Your cheerful ways and caring touched dad and I so much. My prayers and thoughts are with you now.

Anne Schade Elwood

Anne Schade Elwood - March 07, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Emma Sowter Gould.



March 07, 2016 at 03:23 PM

JE

“ We are so sad to hear of Mary's passing away. She was such a wonderful friend to us. My late husband, Bill, and I enjoyed the family as we all attended St. Gregory's church in Littleton, CO. May God comfort each of you at this sad time. Our prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Jan Elliott and daughter Sandy



Jan Elliott - March 07, 2016 at 07:03 AM

SC

“ *St James Episcopal Church purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Emma Sowter Gould.*



St James Episcopal Church - March 06, 2016 at 12:38 PM

LG

“ *Randy and I met Mary at Mike's wedding. We loved her. What a sweetheart. I'm so sorry for the Gould's loss.*



Lynne Gossett - March 05, 2016 at 08:52 PM

BD

“ *It was such a joy when we met Mary and Tom, since we loved her sister Ruth so much we knew we would love her. We had several years of some fun visits. She was a caring wonderful person. We have been blessed to have known her.*

Bill and Barb Doubleday - March 05, 2016 at 04:17 PM

SW

“ *Uncle Thomas and all of my cousins, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I have fond memories of Aunt Mary. I love all of you. Susan Gould Westin*

susan westin - March 05, 2016 at 02:37 PM