



Ronald David Gould

February 2, 1949 - January 4, 2020

Ronald David Gould, age 70, of Kailua, Hawaii passed away on January 4, 2020. Ron will be remembered as counselor, teacher, mentor, coach and friend by thousands of high school students encountered during his 45 years as an educator in Kansas and Hawaii. From his enlistment after college in the National Teacher Corps program throughout his work as a Punahou Dean, Ron's priority never changed; for him it was always and only about the "kids".

While working in small, rural and low-income schools, Ron found himself coaching wrestling, football and track as part of his teaching job. He recognized the influence of the activities and often focused on sports as an avenue to connect with students who could not relate to a classroom setting. Building lasting connections between caring adults and students to enhance character education and emotional stability became his strength. Later, during his 33-year tenure at Punahou School, Ron used his gifts to help develop and implement innovative psycho-social programs such as peer helping – building a legacy that touched hundreds of Hawaii students during his term. Many of Ron's days following his retirement in 2018 included at least one chance encounter with a former student – on the beach, at the grocery store, in an office—where the student thanked Ron for changing his or her life during high school. Such was Ron's effect on his kids.

Ron is survived by his wife of 45 years, Kim, and sons Prom (Sopharat), Mina and Gabe. Services will be private.

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Comments



“ My strongest memory of Mr. Gould took place on the football field. As a sophomore I tried out for the intermediate football team and became the first female line(wo)man. People’s criticism throughout the season would get pretty difficult for me but what I remember most is Mr. Gould being there with a hand on my shoulder. He encouraged me, coached me, and best of all, treated me no different than he did the boys. He helped instill an inner strength and confidence that carries me throughout life and through tough situations still to this day. I’m sure I am just one of many who’s character was made better by their time with Mr. Gould. Rest now Mr. G and know you have so many carrying on the values that you’ve instilled in us.

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“ Ron was my classmate at La Serna High in Whittier CA and Cal State Fullerton. He was a good friend. He will be missed.
Edward A. Broder
Las Vegas NV

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“ I am very saddened to hear of Ron' s passing. I have fond memories of Coach Gould both as a football coach friend and as my Senior English teacher. I am now in my 37th year of teaching and coaching largely because of the influence that Ron and other teachers / coaches had on me. He always took interest in his students and made his classes interesting and relevant. My deepest sympathy to Kim and family for this great loss. Ron left a great legacy and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Coach!

Jim Mitchell
Emporia HS Class of 1977

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