



James Melvyn Gough

November 24, 1943 - September 23, 2009

James Melvyn Gough, age 65, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Troy, died September 23, 2009 at Wynwood of Troy. He was born November 24, 1943 in Detroit. Mr. Gough was a counselor at South Lake Schools in St. Clair Shores for more than 30 years. He was the president of the South Lake Education Association for many years. He received his Educational Specialist degree from Wayne State University. Loving father of Jennifer Lynn Jason Indeck of Troy and Jill Christine Gough of Troy; dear brother of Jerome Ross Barbara Gough of Livonia and Joyce Lynn Gerald McSpadden of Colorado; and proud grandfather of Paige Elizabeth Indeck. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross Sylvester and Lois Pearson Beveridge Gough. There will be a memorial visitation Friday 4-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The inurnment will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorials to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Michigan Humane Society, Attn: Honorariums and Memorials, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Jim was a good friend and will be missed. I offer my deepest sympathy to the family. He is in a better place now.* ”

Darlene Kosakowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ As a Freshman at South Lake High School nearly 30 years ago, I first met Mr. Gough when I was assigned to his tutelage as a school Counselor. Little did I realize that over the following 4 years Mr. Gough would guide me in many areas beyond simply choosing classes. He was my forensics and debate coach, and he along with Stan Allison carted us a motley crew of would-be student politicians around the State of Michigan for competitions and events that would forever shape our perspectives on the world in which we live. Mr. Gough clearly saw more in us than perhaps we could see in ourselves and graciously encouraged us toward the next levels of maturity. In four years, I never heard him raise his voice. He was as even-tempered as ever I’ve seen a counselor—and a snappy dresser too! Even then, I often wondered what was going on behind his reserved persona. He was not one to say “yes” quickly, and he was not one to say “no” quickly, so when he did come down on one side or the other, we generally heeded what he had to say. I have a handful of awards and trophies that for the most part I can attribute to his tutelage, encouragement, and guidance. Although as an adolescent I’m sure that seeing beyond the end of my nose was a stretch, I can look back now and see Mr. Gough’s helpful hand in my life over those years. About 5 years ago, I was privileged to run into him at a local mall, and he remarkably remembered quite a bit about our mutual time in the early 80’s at South Lake High School. Even after 25 years, he was as gracious as ever. It’s quite easy for me now in my 40s, with a family to look back at my years at South Lake High School and see a depth of love and concern that the many teachers and administrators had for me for us. Without effort, I can say good things about every one of them, and if I’m fortunate, perhaps over the years I’ll have opportunities to do so in person. May the Lord bless the Gough family and the many friends and relatives who feel this world’s great loss at Mr. Gough’s passing.
Bob Saad South Lake ’84 Birmingham, MI

Bob Saad - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *My sincerest sympathy to all. I consider it a privilege to have been a caregiver to Jim this past summer and see first-hand his determination in beating the cancer.*

Barbara French - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all the family members. Jim will be missed greatly. Teresa Whitbread*

Teresa Whitbread - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Jim and I went to Highland Park Community College. We reconnected when we found ourselves both working in the South Lake School District. I always enjoyed working with Jim. He always had a positive and constructive attitude. Whenever I needed to talk to someone about a school problem, it was Jim who I would visit. He was a terrific person.*

Leon Holwey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Joyce- you were so diligent in your attempts to help your brother in any way you could. You obviously loved him and showed it by what you were willing to do to save him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family~I hope you feel peace soon. Let me know if we can do anything... Sincerely, Traci & Rob*

Traci Adolph - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jennifer & Jill: My condolences in the passing of your Dad. I share your loss and I will always remember Jim to be one who would choose the high road and show dignity in adverse times.

Jerry McSpadden - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My brother was the one who let me ride on his back as a kid--he was the horse, I was the cowgirl. Unfortunately, he was a 'wild' horse and loved to buck me off. Whoaa...Good times! That was then. Then he was told he had leukemia in 8/08 and it was shocking and scary. He fought so hard showing his determination, strength and his belief that it was going to turn out ok. Although this year was painful, sad and seemed neverending, it allowed me to spend alot of time with him and to share special moments that will always be in my heart. Cancer is a very cruel disease but Jim kept his dignity and independence almost to the very end and I shall admire his strength and determination above all else. Thank God he is now at peace.

Joyce McSpadden - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ I am very saddened by Jim's passing. I worked with him at Prudential Cranbrook Realtor's. He was a "Class Act", in everything he did. Clients respected him and appreciated his outstanding "Listening Skills". He will be missed.

Freda Peteuil - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It was a pleasure to know Jim and to see his smiling face every morning when we worked together at Prudential Cranbrook Realtors. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

Janet Sawyers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am so saddened to hear about your father. We worked together at South Lake for over thirty years. He will be missed.

Marie Hess Roberts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Jenny and Family - I am truly saddened to hear of your recent loss and would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family on the recent passing of your father. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort.

Georgia Borgnes Kasperowicz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To the Family of Jim Gough, My deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your dear one, Jim. I worked with Jim at South Lake for a long time in the 70s and 80s and have the greatest respect for him. He was a GREAT Counselor and did his best to help the kids. I know he will be missed by all of you. He was also a good representative for the teachers and worked hard so everyone got a fair deal.

Lorie Reuther - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to the Gough family. Sincerely,
Kathy Fallucca

Kathy Fallucca - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Mrs. Gough, Jenny and Jill, So sorry to hear about your loss. I have such fond memories of your family. Lean on the Lord in this time of loss, He will sustain you... Patsy, Bryan, Morgan and Jacqueline Mizeur

Patsy McCourt Mizeur - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Family, We were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Jim and I shared many meals together at lunch while at South Lake. I considered him a friend and confidant. I pray your grief will be brief and soon the happy memories will prevail. God Bless, Max and Carol Fralick

Max Fralick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Jim and I taught together when we both first started at South Lake. He was a caring leader, a fine human being, and a great Euchre partner. I am deeply saddened at this loss.

Judy Naturkas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I worked with Jim at South Lake for many years and am saddened by his death. He was a hardworker and always a gentleman. He will be missed.

Sharon Lindow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Gough family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Craig & Cristi Indeck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am very sorry for the passing of your Father. My prayer's for you two and your family.

sherry kerr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to The Gough Family. Jim was a loving father, grandfather and brother. He will be sadly missed by those who got to know him and by those who loved him.

Eric Scott Indeck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Our hearts go out to the Gough family - we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you. Take comfort that Jim was a fine man and he will surely rest in peace.

Cheryl & Norman Buteau - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM