



CLOTILDE CASTRO GOULD  
EDUCATOR

Clotilde Castro Gould, affectionately called "Ding" by her family and friends, is a woman of many exceptional talents. She was born in Agana, Guam, on May 4, 1930, and finished high school at George Washington High School, Guam. She graduated with a B.A. in elementary education with language arts as her minor from Barat College of Sacred Heart at Lake Forest, Illinois, in June, 1951.

From 1954 to 1980, Mrs. Gould served in the following capacities: teacher at Agana Jr. High School on Guam (1954-58); 5th grade teacher at Jackson Elementary School, Riverside, California (1958-63); Gifted and Talented Program Teacher at Strandwood Elementary School, Pleasant Hill, California (1963-72); Project Director of Chamorro Language Mandate (1973-80).

As Administrator of the Chamorro Language Program, Mrs. Gould had the distinct honor of implementing instruction in all public and private schools islandwide in the Chamorro language. This also led to her creation of the "Juan Malimanga" comic strip that appears everyday except Sunday in Guam's daily newspaper, Pacific Daily News. She also has been instrumental in all aspects of cultural research and the development of an articulated curriculum in the Chamorro program.

She has been an active member in numerous civic and professional organizations, including: Chamorro Hafa Adai Club, Fairfield, California (1966-67); Mt. Diablo Unified District Education Association, Concord, California (1969-71); Na'bunita Guam (1974-77); Inetnon Famalao'an (1974-75); International Women's Conference (1977); Chamorro Language Commission as Vice Chairperson; Chamorro/Spanish Board of Commission as Vice Chairperson (1974-78); Retired Senior Volunteer Program (1980-present).

A few of Mrs. Gould's numerous outstanding contributions to Guam include: member of the Curriculum Advisory Council and Educational Objectives Council (1972-79); Chamorro Program Cultural Committee; DOE Vietnamese Clothing Coordinator (1975); Teacher Corps Inservice Training Reviewing/Steering Committee Member (1975-78); Title VII Task Force

Proposal Writing, DOE (1975-78); Education Week, Washington, D.C., Guam presenter of the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA), Guam (1977).

In the field of education, Mrs. Gould has given exemplary service in cultural research and the development of an articulated curriculum in the Chamorro program. Mrs. Gould's contributions to the cultural and language studies of the Chamorro people have indeed created a niche for her in the hearts of the people living on Guam.

Married to Silas Edward Gould, she has one daughter, Alexandria J. Gould. "Ding" Gould's many talents include playing the guitar, piano, organ, and ukelele to the beautiful strains of Chamorro music.