

GLENN MALLORY

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Glenn and his wife Cay (Hall) grew up near Ames Iowa – Glenn on a small farm and Cay near the city. Both Cay and Glenn graduated from Ames High School. They have been married for 37 years. They have a “blended” family. Cay has three children, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Glenn has two children and three grandchildren.

Glenn attended Iowa State University for one year and subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer and Management Science from Metropolitan State College, Denver, in 1992.

Glenn enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1960. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, he attended the Air Intelligence Operations technical school at Shepherd AFB in Wichita Falls.

During his 22 years of service in the Air Force, Glenn was assigned to bases in California, Nevada, Washington, Thailand, Colorado, Vietnam, Florida, Maryland, and Hawaii. He supported operations related to the B-52 heavy bomber, the F-105 fighter bomber, and the C-123 transport. He was also an instructor in both the Air Force Global Survival School and the Armed Forces Air Intelligence Training Center. He was involved in information research and production for the Air Force Intelligence Service and Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command. Glenn retired in 1982 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E8) – a significant accomplishment.

After retiring from the Air Force, Glenn came to Denver in 1983 to join TRW Space and Defense, Inc., a Fortune 500 company. He worked in engineering support, software maintenance and retired as a systems engineer in 2003, after 20 years of service.

In 2004, Glenn and Cay moved to Salida where they now reside. Glen has an amazingly large, detached five-car garage that is perfect for an old-car hobbyist. BTW: Glen says, “cars can’t be “old” if you can remember when they were new!” Hummm.

Cay has been a prolific quilter. She does mostly machine quilting and hand appliqué – everything from small wall hangings to king size bed quilts. As a fundraiser for the 2001 OCA National Meet, she and some other ladies in the club made some great quilts to be raffled off during the meet. Club members submitted photos of their cars and the photos were printed on a special transfer paper. Then the transfers were ironed onto the material which was used to make a quilt block. Quilts were raffled off during the national meet. A picture of Cay and one of the quilts is included below.

Glenn has been active in the local Chaffee County Mentors (similar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters) for about 13 years. He is also active in the Angel of Mount Shavano Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3820 where he served as secretary for 12 years and as treasurer for 16 years. He is a firm believer in “volunteer for the jobs you can tolerate to keep you out of the ones you can’t.”

Glenn’s first car was a 1950 Mercury 2-door primer gray sedan that was given to him by a friend in 1961 while stationed in California. The only cost was \$2.00 to transfer the registration. Later, he had a 1968 Pontiac GTO “back when it was new and he was single,” he says. He loved the style and the (then) new plastic energy-absorbing bumper.

Glenn's first *Oldsmobile* was a 1957 Super 88 Holiday Coupe in Desert Glow (pink) which he purchased in 1962. The Super 88 replaced his '50 Mercury. His next Oldsmobile was a 1958 Dynamic 88 – a Heather colored 4-door sedan – which was his paternal grandparents' car. They had purchased it new from the Coover Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealer in Nevada, Iowa. He liked the '58 and wanted to keep it in the family, so he purchased it from his grandmother in 1981; he named the car "Miss Edna" in her memory.

The '58 (Miss Edna) does quite well at car shows that have an "Unrestored" class. This car has received (1) the Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) Original (Seniors) award from the Antique Automobile Club of America, and (2) HPOF certification from both the National Antique Oldsmobile Club and the Oldsmobile Club of America. BTW: Notice the 1958 Colorado plate.

Glenn and Cay also have a beautiful 1969 Burgundy Mist Oldsmobile Cutlass S convertible (restored) and a 1957 Chevrolet ½ Ton, Long Bed, pickup truck (refurbished) in the family. But Miss Edna is his favorite. He appreciates Oldsmobiles because of their history, quality, engineering, reputation, and family ownership. The '58 and '69 are used for occasional drives in the local area, shows, and bride's transportation at occasional weddings of family and friends.

Glenn has been a member of RMOC since 1991. He drove Miss Edna to church one Sunday back then and one of the parishioners told him about a neighbor who had an Oldsmobile of the same year. That neighbor turned out to be Al Russell, RMOC icon, who had just completed restoration of his beautiful red and white '58 Super 88 J2. Glenn went to meet Al and says, "well, you didn't leave Al quickly and when you did, you had a club membership application in hand."

Since joining RMOC, Glenn has served as club president, secretary, and treasurer at various times. He was also frequently "the parking guy," to use his term, at RMOC car shows. He also holds the prestigious designation of OCA Master Judge.

When asked which one event or activity was his most favorite, Glenn replied "that's the Lay's Potato Chip question (Bet you can't eat just one!). I would have to pick the caravan from Denver to Lansing, Michigan in 1997, for the Oldsmobile 100th Anniversary Celebration. I went with the slow guys on the blue routes (two-lane highways on road maps – remember those?). While waiting at an Oldsmobile plant near Lansing, Miss Edna was invited to be in the second row of Oldsmobiles entering the city (during rush hour) and park in front of the state capitol building during the opening ceremonies. That event was awesome! I saw several Oldsmobile models that I had only heard of and some that I didn't know existed. Only two other '58s were parked in the designated lot."

When asked why he has remained a member of RMOC for 30 years, he says the members – their energy, sincerity, and willingness to help. Then he added, "and not to forget the snacks at the meetings – especially the December meeting."

Thank you, Glenn Mallory, for your service to our country and to the Rocky Mountain Oldsmobile Club.

