

Glenna Goretzki Art Foundation would be the last place, anyone would think of finding a Ford Mustang car raffle? So why do we raffle cars and only Ford Mustangs?

Introduction

The first part of the question is a very simple one. We hold car raffles to raise funds to support the foundation's goals. These funds help us supply schools with art materials and equipment. Funds also help the foundation provide scholarships. Glenna Goretzki Art Foundation's goal is to promote higher education and art was Glenna's passion.

The second part of the question is somewhat complicated. Glenna (Jackson) Goretzki was a very hard-working and determined young girl. She knew at a very young age what her path in life was and followed God as a Christian. As a Junior in high school, Glenna went to EHOVE vocational school. Then as a representative of EHOVE's graduation class and valedictorian, she spoke at Huron High School's Graduation Commencement. Glenna started working at Chesapeake Display and Packaging Co. in her junior year of high school. She worked there until 1997 when the company left Sandusky. She continued working for Sandusky Packaging until our daughter Kimber was born in 2000.

So why a Mustang?

After high school, she needed a car. Not just any car, she wanted a Mustang! Glenna was a lover of the Wizard of OZ (the reason I called Glenna Ruby) and of course, the Mustang had to be Ruby Red. Her father worked at Ford in Lorain and could get the "A" plan discount.

Glenna asked her father to help her get a car, he told her no! The reason was both her older brothers did not make good on their promise to pay for car loans her father helped with. Glenna's father told her he was not going to do that again! Of course, Glenna was disappointed but not deterred. She asked her mother to take her to the local Ford dealership to look. They went into the showroom, and there sat a ruby-red Ford Mustang! Glenna knew she wanted it and asked how much it was. It was \$8,700 because of the "A" plan discount.

The salesman at Artino Ford was Barny and the funny thing is that's Glenna's father's name as well. He told Glenna without a co-signer she couldn't get a loan to buy the car. Remember reading earlier about Glenna being a Christian and walking in God's path. Not only did Glenna tithe to her church, she also saved everything she could. When this eighteen-year-old girl asked simply, "Can I just pay cash for the car"? Barny snickered and said you have \$8,700 plus money for taxes and license. Glenna smiled back and said yes, I work hard and save my money!

Glenna bought that Mustang and continued to trade in and buy new Red Mustang's every couple of years. We got married in 1999 when she bought a Ford Explorer because she loved her family and space was needed!

That's why I buy a Red Mustang to raffle off. Glenna would have loved it so much! It's to honor her memory!