



1941 Cadillac 6227 D Coupe

Clark Gable & Carole Lombard's Glamorous Custom Coupe



Soon after signing with MGM in 1930, Clark Gable became one of the biggest and most famous movie stars of all time. He starred in nearly 75 films, but his most memorable performance was as Rhett Butler in "Gone with the Wind". The beautiful Carole Lombard was under contract with Fox and then Paramount. She starred in more than 80 films. Gable and Lombard married in March 1939. It was deemed the marriage of the century! Sadly, just three years later on a flight home from a War Bond rally, Carole, her mother, and twenty other people died when their plane crashed outside of Las Vegas. She was only 33

years old. During the few years they were together, Gable showered Lombard with expensive gifts, including this 1941 Cadillac 6227 D Coupe. The "D" designated this as the "deluxe" model. There were 1,900 of this model built and they sold for \$1510. Documentation shows that Gable placed the order with Don Lee at Hillcrest Motors in Los Angeles. Special custom work on the car was done by Earl Automobile Works (Harley Earl's Company). The custom features include raked windshield, chopped top, blanked quarter windows and padded top. Other special features included interior modifications and the deletion of one spear from all four fenders. Despondent following his wife's death, Gable gave or sold the car to director Roy Del Ruth, probably in 1943. In 1960 (after completing shooting on "The Misfits") Clark Gable suffered a heart attack and died at age 59. The car is currently in the care of CLC members Bob and Marlene Piper of California, who just completed a stunning restoration of the car.



This celebrity Cadillac recently completed a ground-up restoration. It now looks as it must have when Clark Gable presented it as a gift to his beautiful wife Carole Lombard.