



Glenn Beall: A Legacy of Innovation in Plastics Design

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We are saddened to share that Glenn Beall, a revered and beloved figure in the plastics industry, passed away on July 24th. Glenn was more than an engineer, inventor, educator, and entrepreneur—he was a mentor, a friend, and an inspiration to generations of plastics professionals. His legacy spans over six decades and touches every corner of our field.

After earning his engineering degree from Bradley University in 1957, Glenn began his career at Abbott Laboratories, where his innovative work in drug delivery systems earned him 12 patents. His passion for design and materials led him to found Glenn Beall Engineering, Inc. and later Glenn Beall Plastics, Ltd., adding 23 more patents to his name and influencing product design for decades to come.

Glenn had an unmatched gift for teaching. Through more than 650 seminars, he shared his deep knowledge with nearly 30,000 professionals, helping countless individuals grow in their careers. His seminars weren't just technical—they were inspiring, practical, and filled with stories that made complex ideas feel approachable.

A lifelong and deeply engaged member of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE), Glenn held numerous leadership roles and played a significant role in shaping the organization's mission, including the founding of the Medical Plastics Division in 1982. We were honored to celebrate his career at the 2024 Glenn Beall Symposium at ANTEC®, where he spoke and inspired us once again.



His fingerprints are everywhere—from the Plastics Design Forum to the advancement of rotational molding, from SPE leadership to preserving our industry's history through the Plastics Pioneers Association and the Syracuse University Plastics Collection. Glenn Beall was inducted into the Plastics Hall of Fame

We have fond memories of Glenn—not just as a giant in our field, but as a generous, kind, and thoughtful human being. His legacy of innovation and mentorship will continue to guide us for years to come.

To make a donation in Glenn's memory to the Patsy and Glenn Beall scholarship. Link here:

<https://give.4spe.org/campaign/patsy-and-glenn-beall-honored-service-member-scholarship/c665811>

He will be deeply missed.

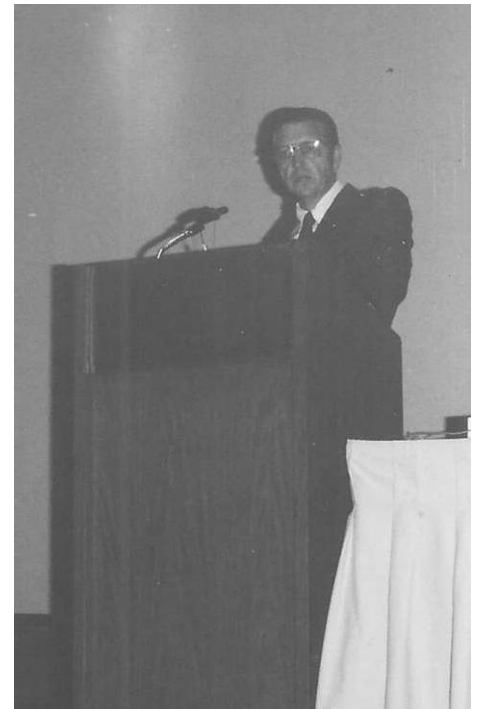
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Newlyweds Glenn & Patsy Beall



Patsy with Gail Rotheiser



ANTEC 1984 in New Orleans: Glenn accepting MVP Award from MPD Chair Gyan Pande and Acceptance Remarks

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**ANTEC 1995 in Boston:
MPD Board of Directors at After-Meeting Dinner**



ANTEC 1995 in New York: MPD Board of Directors

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ANTEC 2003 in Nashville



Jim Toner & Glenn Beall



Yetty Pauwels & Glenn Beall



MPD Chairs & Karen Winkler

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**ANTEC 2005 in Boston:
MPD Board Celebrating 25 Year Anniversary**



NPE 2009 in Chicago: Glenn w/ Friends

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ANTEC 2010 in Orlando



Glenn & Patsy Beall with SPE Past Presidents Len Czuba & Paul Andersen



Bill Arendt & Glenn Beall



Glenn & Patsy Beall with Karen Winkler



Patsy & Glenn Beall with Margie Hanna

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ANTEC 2011 in Boston



ANTEC 2012 in Orlando: Glenn & Patsy Beall at an SPE Dinner

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ANTEC 2017 in Anaheim – MPD Board



ANTEC 2019 in Detroit: Glenn Beall and fellow Product Designers

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Glenn Beall with MPD Board Members

