



Golden Landmarks Association
Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future

Living Landmark Award

2010

Gwyn Green

Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Gwyn Green graduated from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana and Married Dan Green, a Notre Dame graduate. They moved to the Denver area after Dan's service in the air Force. They have four adult children, three daughters-in-law, and ten grandchildren. Gwyn graduated with her Masters in Social Work in 1982 with this work focused on gerontology and medical social work.

From 1966 until 1995 they lived in Lakewood before moving to Golden. Gwyn ran for Golden City Council in 2001, winning easily. Gwyn's time on the council was marked with a passionate dedication to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Golden. Before she resigned from City Council to assume her state duties, she had realized her three goals in running for Council: Golden's hiring a lobbying firm on beltway and other issues, having a Public Relations firm for Golden, and the adoption by Golden of "1041" protections against a beltway.

Representative Green worked tenaciously as a Golden City councilor for her constituents and to preserve Golden's historic landmarks. She was known for her dedication to historic preservation, to the environment, and to preserving our mountain backdrop,

In 2004, Representative Green was asked to run for the Colorado State Legislature and served in that capacity for five years, retiring in July 2009 for health reasons. During her tenure, she received multiple awards for legislative excellence, among them the Legislator of the Year Award from the Colorado Public Health Association; and Distinguished Legislator awards from the National Association of Social Workers; the Colorado Society of Clinical Social Workers; the Jefferson County Labor Advisory Board; Recording for Blind and Dyslexic, and an Award of Appreciation for Golden City Council for her years of service to Golden both as a City Councilor and as a State Legislator. Representative Green was known for her strong advocacy for Golden, for children, and for health care.

Presently, Gwyn is active in both civic and church groups. Most of all, Gwyn enjoys being with her family, especially her ten grandchildren!