



Golden Landmarks Association  
*Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future*

## Living Landmark Award 2008

### Tom & Donna Plummer

Tom and Donna's long involvement in Golden extends well beyond their business, Plummer's Jewelry, and raising a family here.

Donna is truly a Golden native, born in a house on 11th Street about three blocks west of the present Golden Hotel. She grew up on 16th Street. Her parents, Ray and Wilda Sparks, came to Golden in 1934, raised their three children and owned the Pontiac dealership here. She graduated from Golden High School in 1956, as did Tom. That was two years before the new high school was opened. That school, on Tenth Street, became the junior high and is now the Mountaineering Center.

Tom was born in Elgin, Illinois, and moved to Golden with his parents, a brother, and two sisters, when he was eleven. It was 1948 and his parents, Wendell and Frances Plummer, were seeking a new venture. Upon arriving in Golden they bought a local jewelry store which became known as Plummer's Jewelry and they owned the store until 1969. Tom apprenticed under his father in clock and watch repair and later designed, created, and repaired jewelry. In 1969 Tom and Donna bought the business from his parents and continued running the store until their retirement in October 2000.

Donna started working in the jewelry store in 1956 and her so-called "temporary" position extended for 44 years. Tom and Donna were married in 1957. They moved to their new house on 24th Street in 1959 and have lived there ever since. They raised three sons: Scott, who lives in Golden; Mark, who lives in Lafayette, Louisiana; and Greg, who lives in Austin, Texas.

Tom has been a long time community supporter, his activities include:

- Master of Golden City Lodge #1 A.F. & A.M.
- Board member of the Golden Chamber of Commerce
- President of Golden Lions Club and chairman of many projects (Ulysses Park, Lions Park, etc.)
- President of the Golden Civic Foundation and currently Director Emeritus
- Honorary Alumnus of the Colorado School of Mines
- President of Mines Silver & Blue Club
- Recipient of the Rotary Service Above Self Award
- Member of First Presbyterian Church of Golden
- Member of the Golden Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Golden City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem
- President of Rocky Mountain Jewelers Assoc.

Donna's involvements include:

- Member, Past President of Earl Johnson PTA
- Active member of Golden Chamber of Commerce, President in 1984
- A co-founder of Leadership Golden
- Board member of Foothills Art Center
- Two terms as a member of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority
- Member of First Presbyterian Church of Golden