



## Who am I?

I am a healthy single man who was born on Christmas day too many decades ago. I am named after my father who gifted me with two more letters after my name. However, all-in-all, it is just a name...with two more letters. But really, who am I? Who really is Glen Dawursk Jr.? Well, let's see if I can explain, after all, I think I know myself. I know I have seen my face in the mirror for the past 40+ years - so I will try.

First, I am an educated "old guy" with a very young heart. I love to be playful and have fun while still stimulating my brain. I love to learn -- anything! Trivia, news, information -- I eat it up. I have done so many things in my life: radio jock, computer guy, youth worker, web designer, television commercial actor,

teacher, salesman, a landlord, and now a high school principal. As I always say, God has blessed me with a plethora of talents, but that I am not the master of any particular one. I am comfortable being in front of thousands of people teaching, talking, or running a project -- but I am very selective about the people I hang out with and am guarded about who I share my deep personal feelings with. I have been hurt too many times and trust simply takes a long time.

I have had only three loves in my life: one in high school, one I married and now. I was married for 25 years and frankly hate being divorced. For the past four years, I have missed the way my family was and the security it brought me everyday. Because of my divorce, I have had to make significant adjustments in my life which have not always been easy. From career changes with significant income reductions to a four bedroom home downsized to an efficiency apartment -- change has not been easy but I never give-up and I never quit. God has been my strength throughout my life - and He is not about to fail me now! Mind you, I do not blame my ex solely for our divorce - after all, we destroyed our marriage together. We both made mistakes and regularly attacked each other's jugular (figuratively). The hurts may be forgivable but not always forgettable. Never the less, we still separately strive to be great parents.

I love my children completely. They are amazing and I am blessed by them every moment. I feel the most important thing I can ever accomplish in my life now is by being their Dad. I have three remarkable children: two girls, 20 and 18, and a son age 12. Yes, it may be more difficult as a single parent - but I know that I can still make a difference by simply being a part of in their life. I sincerely like them as individuals and love them absolutely. I miss them when they are gone. I also miss my parents who have remained distant from me since I was a child, my brother who rejects me, and my Aunt Karen who moved away. My divorce makes these separations even greater. However, I do not dwell on hardship; I am not a whiner. Instead, I have an inner joy from the hope I receive in my faith and my close friend, Donna.



I am enthusiastic, puny, and genuine. I get my highs off of working hard sometimes long hours on projects, but I also know how to veg-out and relax at the end of the day. I don't know if it is a strength, a weakness or simply a human condition, but I do need to know that I am loved everyday. When I feel confident in that, I am able to do great things. I know God loves me, but knowing that I am appreciated, respected, and loved by a person close to me is more potent than any drug, more intoxicating than any liquor, and more rewarding than any prize. That inner strength propels me. I failed in marriage simply because I no longer felt loved. Today, I again feel

that love in my best friend, Donna. She knows I am not perfect, but she respects and loves me unconditionally. But I am also afraid that her love may also go away.

I am also a "techy" but not a stereo-typed "nerd." I just like gadgets and new "guy" toys. In fact, if I had the money, I would have the newest stereo, television, car and iPod - probably from the Sharper Image, Best Buy and Circuit City. Even though I like these, I am not really materialistic. I appreciate life over matter and people over products, and I enjoy giving presents to others. I guess I just enjoy new technology and strive to know as much as I can about "the cutting edge." How strange to hear "cutting edge" when I know that I am not really a "risk taker." While occasionally improvisational, I limit any impulsiveness by considering the repercussions of my actions first. Yes, I like to have fun, but I am also practical. I can be outrageous and wild when I want to be or I can be subdued and mellow - it is all about control. Some might call it maturity; I call it common sense.

I like to read - especially newsmagazines and newspapers. I prefer reading about a new and innovative idea, a trend or product, or the trivia and history about a person rather than a dry classic novel. Plus, I am a multi-sensory learner who enjoys all types of media - movies, television, radio, and music. I like adventure movies, suspense thrillers with surprise endings, and romantic comedies - but I also cry at the occasional "chick flick" with my daughters or girl friend. I like thinking stories of 24, House and Law and Order and the classic humor of Dick Van Dyke Show reruns. I love music loud with a strong bass. I like to feel it. My iPod is filled with almost 5000 songs and 15 movies. I am a classically trained singer who appreciates all types of music, plays guitar, writes songs and probably is a closet American Idol wannna be. I even have my own CD of CCM music.



I am very creative and have exceptional deductive reasoning and problem solving skills. I am a strong leader with a humble heart who is not afraid to make decisions or give direction when necessary. Even after a difficult divorce, I feel marriage is a partnership, not a dictatorship (and yes, someday I will re-marry). I always consider the people around me and always corroborate workable opinions and ideas into my decisions. I love to travel when I can, but don't like to be alone. I prefer to share my experiences with someone else. I like being a servant leader, always helping others as I lead. I dream about being a philanthropist whose foundation helps youth groups with great ideas but no money. I especially would like to pay for my daughter's college loans. I desire to be an expert in whatever I set-out to do. However, I am never pompous, arrogant or a know-it-all. I know I have weaknesses and seek to improve all the time.

I love to sing, write music and play guitar, but it takes a lot to get me to do karaoke in front of others as I am also afraid to make a fool out of myself. Butterflies can be pretty strong inhibitors. However, after one time up and a few drinks later, my confidence always returns and I can put on an entire musical. I am never a chauvinist, but I do desire to be a gentleman to woman. I prefer to open doors, buy flowers and treat whenever possible. I try to be a positive role model to my students and especially my own children teaching them to respect all people regardless of their race, culture, color or creed. I love diversity and especially enjoy learning from other's experiences.



I have been told I am a very good listener, but I am also not afraid to talk. I like partying at Halloween and New Years

Eve, camping at music festivals (like Country Fest), going to the theatre (I loved Wicked in Chicago), dancing at concerts at Summer fest or state fair at night, and of course the occasional shopping at a flea market or rummage sale. I like playing board and card games, darts, and air hockey. I like Brewer games at Miller Park and watching Packer games - but I am not a sports fanatic. I seldom watch ESPN

and still can't beat my son in Madden 2008 on Playstation. I like strategy and enjoy positive competition and while not currently a hunter, I desire to take my son out some day.

I like doing things with my hands: fixing leaky pipes, building new walls, making dinner and rubbing shoulders. I also like to be touched and feel that hugs are the next best thing to rainbows and mushroom burgers. I like my life, but I want more and I continue to go to school hoping to achieve something greater in myself. I already have one master's degree, am working on another and will not stop until I have a title in front of my name. Yes, a title. While it is partially about regaining some respect among my peers, having my doctorate actually has more to do with fulfilling a goal I set for myself when I was in grade school. I will eventually have two letters before and after my name.



Finally, today I live each day uncertain of the plan God is preparing for me, but I am confident knowing that He has a plan for me. Therefore, I wait upon him. In the meantime, I continue to work hard, play hard, love hard and enjoy the contrasts God gives me in the four loves of my life: my best friend and my three children. It may not be the way I had expected it to be - but this is my life. This is who I am and I truly am blessed; especially in two ways: first, because I am just plain different, unique and secondly, because there is no one else in the world just like me - and for that I really thank God.

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