

Glen T. Meakem

Glen Meakem is the Founder & CEO of Forever, Inc., the world's first and only permanent media storage and sharing company. A successful entrepreneur and business leader who has founded and built a number of companies, Glen's passion for preserving important information and memories goes back to 1991 when he returned from serving as a U.S. Army officer in the First Gulf War. That summer, Glen and his wife, Diane, recorded videos of their grandparents talking about their lives and values. Ever since, Glen has thought about how to permanently preserve and share those videos and other family treasures. After many years, these thoughts led to the founding of Forever in May of 2012. The company is growing rapidly; go to www.forever.com to learn more.

Between 2005 and 2012, Glen founded and led a successful early-stage venture capital firm called Meakem Becker Venture Capital (MBVC). Under Glen's leadership, MBVC invested in a number of technology companies, including Kiva Systems (sold to Amazon), HotPads (sold to Zillow), Shipwire (sold to Ingram Micro), and CloudMeter (sold to Splunk).

Glen's entry into the venture capital industry was preceded by his widely chronicled role as Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of FreeMarkets, Inc., which was the leading provider of internet-deployed software and services for automating the sourcing processes of Global 1000 companies. Glen founded FreeMarkets in 1995, took it public in a record setting IPO in 1999, and then sold it to Ariba in 2004. At its peak, FreeMarkets had a publicly traded market cap of \$13 billion.

Early in his career Glen was a Manager in General Electric's Corporate Business Development Group, an Associate with McKinsey & Company, and held a range of consumer marketing and product management positions for Kraft-General Foods. Glen was also a combat engineer officer in the United States Army Reserve, serving as a platoon leader in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the First Gulf War. Glen graduated A.B. cum laude from Harvard University and later earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Every Saturday morning since 2008, Glen has hosted "Glen Meakem on the Weekend," a live, syndicated talk radio show, where he discusses entrepreneurship, economics, history and politics, advising people on how to make themselves and our country more successful.

Glen and his wife, Diane, have been married for twenty-five years and have five children.