

## *Gone – Never Forgotten*

As far back as he could remember, John Moore has always wanted a '40 Ford coupe. Family always came first, but the idea of having a car someday wasn't forgotten. Twenty-five years ago John found and bought a Ford coupe body. Although it was titled as a '39 Ford, John knew the only real difference between that and a '40 model was the front sheet metal: hood, grill and front fenders. For about 20 years while balancing family life, John searched and collected, as many of us do, enough parts to complete his idea of the '40 Ford coupe with many extra parts to spare. He knew some day it would all come together.

Then about five years ago, tiring of having his garage full of old car parts, John decided it was time to build the car. But he was going to do it with the intent of giving it to his son when finished and wanting him to experience having a '40 Ford coupe street rod. With this idea in his mind, John's son suddenly passed away catching everyone in the Moore family off guard. John, stricken with grief, after a period of time realized he needed to move forward and complete the car as it was intended. He needed a direction to help him move through the depression that was setting in.

So with a very heavy heart, John went to A.J. Nelson in Canton and created a plan to build and finish the car. A Mustang front suspension was installed along with an 8" Mustang rear end to make the car a roller. Then a 350 Chevy engine and a 350 trans were installed. The entire finished car we see today took about 18 months to complete.



This year will be the fourth year the car has been on the road.

The two-tone paint job on John's '40 is classic and timeless as people always gather around the car everywhere it is parked. As the author of this little short

story, I truly believe John's son would be so happy and proud to see this finished standout street rod created out of his father's long-time dream.

