

GERALD & KATHERINE BLACKBURN

Background



*Gerald is an engineer and was a Project Manager with the **Boeing Corporation**. He has been in the Aerospace Industry for over 45 years. His career has spanned the entire manned space program from the **X-15 at North American Aviation to the Apollo, Saturn SII, Space Shuttle and International Space Station Programs.***

His proactive leadership in business and education partnerships is widely known. Gerald has taught at the **California State University in Los Angeles, University of Southern California and Cerritos College**. He has been an active member of several business and education advisory boards and served on the California State Department of Education Advisory Committee for Career Technology Education.

Gerald is also a professional international speaker on the history and programs of the Aerospace Industry of Southern California. He is author of **"Downey's Aerospace History"** by Arcadia Publishing.

Mr. Blackburn has an **MBA from Pepperdine University** and is a native Californian.

He is a Director of **Columbia Memorial Space Center Foundation** and Founder/Past President and Executive Advisor of the **Aerospace Legacy Foundation** developing historical preservation and outreach projects.

Gerald was the Founder and CEO of **Tinkers Corner LLC** a STEM education resource company in Southern California.

He is now CEO and Founder of the **Katherine and Gerald Blackburn Charitable Foundation and Trust**, a 501c3 Nonprofit Corporation.

He enjoys spending time with his family and seven grandchildren and writing poetry to his wife Kathy.

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