

## **See the USA in Your Unsold Chevrolet. The Beneventi Chevrolet Auction**

Have you ever wished that you could go back in time and buy that Classic Car you've always wanted? Well, now you have your chance, the Beneventi Collection auction on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Granger, Iowa. The automobile started a revolution and has changed through the years. From horses to horseless carriages, the automobile revolutionized the world. The Beneventi family started selling automobiles with a Star-Durant dealership in Granger, IA and evolving into the Chevrolet Dealer in 1932 for the area in Granger. Don Beneventi was always intrigued with anything with wheels. Growing up with the family being the Chevrolet dealer, Don got to see many years of advances in Chevrolets. When Don was 5 years old, his Dad used to get him from school. Don would wiggle in the boxcars to steer the new cars out. Don remembers that they were tied to the floor and also hanging from the ceiling of the boxcars. Don will note, he worked at the dealership for 80 plus years and steering those cars was his start. Don went off to college met his wife, got married, and came home to work for the dealership in 1956. Don recalls that was an exciting year with the introduction to the 265 V8 in Chevrolet in 1955. Don could see that people loved that new motor and wanted style and a sportier car than what they had grown up with. In 1963 Don, became more active in the dealership and his Dad gave him the reins and he took over ownership of the dealership. With his Dad still watching over, Don can remember the first load of cars he ordered. The transport arrived with a whole load of 1964 SS's. His Dad went out and said, "Wow, that's an impressive load of cars. Where they going?" The driver said, "They are yours. Where do you want me to unload them?" Not missing a beat, Don could hear his name being called like he was 5 years old and he was in trouble. That's a tone that you don't forget. But Don had that load sold before they even hit the showroom floor.

Don recalls those years, 1955 to 1970, were exciting years with the designs that Chevrolet came out with. Don worked to get a sportier and more progressive inventory on the lot along with utility vehicles like trucks and pickups. Don said that he sold many SS and sport models of Chevrolets. It wasn't till 1963, that he started to hold back inventory and start collecting for himself. His Dad had sold a 1937 Chevrolet Master Sedan and it was traded back in 1963 for a Nova. Don quickly put that car back not only for memories, but the start of his personal collection. Don didn't start holding back inventory and more trade-ins till about 1973. He ordered a 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Triple Black, 350, AT car as his DEMO. The car was an added \$39.00 for black that year. He held it back and this car will be sold with the window sticker at the auction. Don then started to hold back cars that were being traded in that he had sold new and also saving back more old, original inventory. More cars followed and will be on the auction. A 1977 Camaro Z28 Coupe with only 456 miles, a 1975 Caprice Classic Convertible with 1241 miles, 1974 Corvette, 1978 Corvette, and more will be on the auction. Some of the impressive held back trades are a 1981 DeLorean with less than 4000 miles that was traded in on a Corvette, a 1974 Chevrolet Chevelle Laguna S3 with a 454, that was sold new and traded back, an IROC Camaro and more. Approx. 24 vehicles in total will be on the auction with an assortment of parts and memorabilia to be offered on the auction July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Don learned through the years that business will follow where it is welcome. Don and Beneventi Chevrolet had 88 years of successful sales being the Chevrolet dealer for Granger, IA area. But with a heavy heart, that Don saw that technology was becoming more advanced and he had taken the dealership as far as he could and made a deal to sell the Chevrolet Franchise to the Willis Auto Group out of Des Moines, IA. Matt Willis and his family will add Beneventi Chevrolet to their Automotive group. After 88 years, it was a hard decision but Don is happy with and knows that the dealership his family built is in good hands and continue to serve the area for years to come.

The Beneventi Collection auction will be July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10AM at the Granger Chevrolet, formerly Beneventi Chevrolet Dealership in Granger, IA. There will be a celebration of the transition from Beneventi family to the Willis Auto Group on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-6PM. Bidders can register and

preview the cars at this time. VanDerBrink Auctions will be selling yet another group of the new old cars and trade ins. VanDerBrink Auctions sold the now famous Lambrecht Chevrolet Collection in 2013 in Pierce, NE with 55 New old stock and almost 400 trade ins held back by Mr. Lambrecht. Yvette VanDerBrink, owner of VanDerBrink Auctions said, "Just when you don't believe lightning can strike twice, another group of New Chevrolets that we get to sell! I remember working with the Lambrecht Chevrolet very well. The one big difference is these beautiful Chevrolets are running and driving and in like new condition. This group of new Chevrolets also have the window stickers, documentation, and more will go with the cars as did Lambrecht. It's amazing to see all the history and collectors will be thrilled with Mr. Beneventi and his collection." Some of the noteworthy pieces are a 1957 Chevrolet 2dr HT with a 1958 Fuel injection, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396 Coupe, NEW 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, NEW 1977 Chevrolet Z28 Camaro, and even New Corvettes, and more. The collection will be offered No reserve LIVE ONSITE along with Online bidding. The collection represents the Beneventi's years of service and Don's love of Chevrolet. We invite everyone to come to the auction or bid online and bid on your chance on buying a New Old car. There is complete catalog, video, story, pictures, and more auctions at [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) See you at the auction and your chance to Own a New Old Car!