

# NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

BS in Mechanical Engineering, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 1948  
MS in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 1948  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia  
College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** United States Naval Reserve (1943-1946)

**PRE-NASA CAREER:**

National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, Langley Research Center, Virginia  
Aerodynamics Research Scientist (1948-1961)

**NASA CAREER:**

Chief, Mission Engineering Branch, Apollo Spacecraft Program Office, Space Task Group, Langley Research Center, Virginia (1961-1963)

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas  
Manager, Mission Engineering (1961-1964)  
Chief, Reliability and Quality Assurance for Apollo (1964-1966)  
Chief, Program Control  
Assistant Manager for the Command and Service Module  
Senior Representative at White Sands Test Facility  
Chief, Lunar Module Project Engineering Division (1964-1969)  
Manager, Lunar Module, Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (1969-1972)  
Manager, Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (1972-1973)  
Deputy Manager, Orbiter Project (1973-1980)  
Manager, Systems Integration, Space Shuttle Program (1974-1980)

**POST-NASA CAREER:**

President, Eagle Engineering, Houston, Texas (1980-1986)  
President and CEO, Eagle Aerospace, Houston, Texas (1987-1990)  
Chairman and CEO, Eagle Aerospace, Houston, Texas (1990-1993)

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Retired

**PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Member, Tau Beta Pi (Honorary Engineering Fraternity)
- Member, Tau Omega
- Member, American Aviation Historical Society
- Member, Academy of Model Aerodynamics
- Board, Texas Water Control Improvement District (1969-1976)
- Member, Rotary

**AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- United States Medal of Freedom, 1972
- NASA Distinguished Service Medal, 1973
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1969

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS:**

Morris, Owen G. "Apollo Reliability Analysis." *Astronautics and Aeronautics*. 3 (April 1965): 52-59.

Morris, Owen. "Systems Engineering and Integration and Management for Manned Space Flight Programs." NASA Technical Reports (93N24684), Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Scientific and Technical Information Center, Houston, TX, 1 January 1993.

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Who's Who in America. 39<sup>th</sup> Edition through 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition. New Providence, NJ: Marquis Who's Who, 1976-1999, s.v. "Morris, Owen Glenn."

Who's Who in Government. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Chicago, IL: Marquis Who's Who, 1975-1977, s.v. "Morris, Owen Glenn."

Who's Who in the South and Southwest. 14<sup>th</sup> Edition through 17<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wilmette, IL: Marquis Who's Who, 1975-1980, s.v. "Morris, Owen Glenn."

Who's Who in the World. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Chicago, IL: Wilmette Who's Who, 1978, s.v. "Morris, Owen Glenn."