



## Norman Thomas Avenengo

September 22, 1937 - March 20, 2017

Norman T. Avenengo, Sr.  
Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Port Jervis, NY

Norman T. Avenengo, Sr., "Tom", was born in Hackensack, NJ on September 22, 1937 to Katherine and Lucien Avenengo. A brother and two sisters, who survive, surrounded him in love: Raymond Avenengo of Satellite Beach, FL, Rosemarie Back of Elko, NV and Catherine Triebeneck of Melbourne, FL.

On September 11, 1960 Tom married the love of his life, Joan M. Rose. On December 2, 1960 he enlisted in the United States Army. He was ultimately stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX after basic training. Tom received the Good Conduct Medal, Expert (Carbine), Marksman (Rifle M-1), a Letter of Commendation, and four Letters of Appreciation while in the Army. He was honorably discharged from the Army on February 28, 1964 at which time the decision was made to move back to New York. He began working at Grand Union once moving back to New York, and worked there until his numerous

health issues began. Tom had a vast knowledge of racing history that he began sharing both online and in person throughout his life.

Tom and Joan raised five children: Judith A. Kehlenbeck (William), Sparrow Bush, NY, Sandra L.

Avenengo, Cape Coral, FL, Norman T. Avenengo, Jr. (Penny), Dexter, NY, Eric M. Avenengo (Catherine), Washingtonville, NY, and Sarah Michelson (Jeffrey), North Port, Florida, who all survive.

Their children gave them 18 wonderful grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, all of who survive their

“Pop Pop”. Sadly, one granddaughter, Angelina Rizzo, predeceased “Pop Pop”.

Numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews also survive him, along with his huge “racing family”.

Tom moved to Cape Coral, Florida, September 2014 to live with his daughter, Sandra Avenengo. Sandra

took care of Tom’s numerous health issues and made sure he received the health care he deserved. Her

family knows and will be eternally grateful that Sandra was able to give them additional time with him.

On Monday, March 20, 2017, the first day of spring, Tom (Dad, Pop Pop) was called to be with his loving

wife, Joan, who predeceased him July 3, 2014. Although his family and numerous friends are saddened

with his passing, they celebrate that he is now at peace and with his wife and other family members.

Tom requested that he be cremated and his ashes mixed with his loving wife.

A burial of his, as well as

Joan’s ashes will occur at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road

72, Sarasota, FL 34241, on  
Friday, March 31, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Funeral arrangements were made through Gendron Funeral & Cremation  
Services, Inc., Fort Myers

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Thomas Avenengo*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Norman Thomas Avenengo*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Met Tom the mile track in Lakeland, FL quite a few years ago. He still lived in New York at the time. A very nice man. My condolences to his family.*

*Lee Mullin  
Titusville,FL*

**Lee Mullin** - April 08, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Margie Veit lit a candle in memory of Norman Thomas Avenengo*



**Margie Veit** - March 24, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting tom (dad),and his beloved wife joan (mom) at the age of 7. Having known tom and joan made me a better person. Thank you Tom (dad). Continue to watch over us from above. You are missed always.*

**Joyce DeGroat** - March 23, 2017 at 01:15 PM

HH

“ *as your friend im sending you my love and strength in your time of sorrow love yall warden and honey*

honey harrell - March 23, 2017 at 12:17 PM

VF

“ *My sympathy to the entire family.*

*Virginia Farmer*

VIRGINIA FARMER - March 22, 2017 at 10:07 PM

AL

“ *Sandy & family,  
My sincere condolences to your entire family, Sandy, I know you were a wonderful caregiver for your Dad and I hope you take solace in that. Sweet memories will replace the sadness you feel now.  
Sincerely,  
Annette Longhi*

Annette Longhi - March 22, 2017 at 06:28 PM

KO

“ *Kevin O'Day lit a candle in memory of Norman Thomas Avenengo*



Kevin O'Day - March 22, 2017 at 04:40 PM

AC

“ Thoughts and Prayers, Always enjoyed our racing talks. God Bless

Andy and Bre Crane - March 22, 2017 at 03:07 PM

AM

“ Amanda Marolf lit a candle in memory of Norman Thomas Avenengo



Amanda Marolf - March 22, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ Bonnie Farmer Bailey lit a candle in memory of Norman Thomas Avenengo



Bonnie Farmer Bailey - March 22, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Garry and I will miss hearing Tom's racing stories and talking about our different views in politics at our family gatherings! He was such a joy and we will miss him dearly, RIP Tom.

Bonnie Farmer Bailey - March 22, 2017 at 02:57 PM

BS

“ So saddened and surprised to hear of Toms passing. Going to miss our weekly chats about racing and the good ol' days. I know how much he loved his family and his wife Joan. He was a terrific friend and was looking forward to meeting him at Volusia County Speedway next year. I see that won't happen now, but you can bet I'll be thinking about you. Godspeed Tom, may you RIP !!!  
Bob & Donna Shoenberger



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**Bob & Donna Shoenberger** - March 22, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ Theresa Powell lit a candle in memory of Norman Thomas Avenengo



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**Theresa Powell** - March 22, 2017 at 02:38 PM

Lisa Arter

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**Lisa Arter** - March 22, 2017 at 02:07 PM