



## Thomas Anthony Pennell

December 4, 1954 - July 7, 2024

Thomas (Tom) Pennell, age 69, of Sarasota, Florida passed away July 7, 2024 surrounded by family. Tom was born December 4, 1954 to the late John and Betty Pennell.

Tom is survived by his wife and best friend of 37 years, Sandy Pennell, son Marty Pennell, granddaughter Amiah Pennell, brother Don Pennell (late husband Nico Seal), sister-in-law Karen Zirkelbach, brother-in-law Mick Marshall, wife Kristine, Bill Marshall, wife Renee and Rick Marshall (late wife "Frankie" Francine).

Tom was a veteran of the US Coast Guard.

He was a licensed pilot who loved to fly aerobatics. He also loved to sail. Was an accomplished inventor of many things, including for the military.

Throughout Tom's illness he continued to try and invent things.

Tom was a business owner for over 30 years. He worked with the military, the Naval Research Lab, theme parks and businesses across the US, Canada and around the world.

A military Coast Guard Service will be held August 16, 2024, 2:30pm at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

Those wishing to make a donation in Tom's memory, please consider the Alzheimer's

Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

# Previous Events

## Military Honor Guard

AUG 16. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ So sorry for your loss Sandy, Amiah, Marty & family. May you all be comforted & loved in time's of grief. Love, Alana Aughney(Auntie) & Tyler from MI. 🧡



Alana Aughney - November 09, 2024 at 01:04 AM

KK

“ Karen, Mick & Kriss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Anthony Pennell.

Karen, Mick & Kriss - August 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Anthony Pennell.



August 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM

MP

“ I am very saddened to hear about the passing of Tom. We never met, but his and Sandy's help and friendship has been a real support to my business. Tom's willingness to help with everything was so appreciated. I will never forget him. Rest in Peace my friend. Michael

Michael Pascal - August 09, 2024 at 08:59 AM

JB

*Tom was a wonderful person. His smile, his sense of humor, his ability to care about people and always be ready to help. His love and devotion to Sandy was never to be questioned  
The world is going to miss a wonderful person and those he is looking down on from heaven are blessed. Like when he was here he will continue to watch over the ones he loved. We will miss you my friend*

joy brown - August 13, 2024 at 07:14 PM

EH

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We had so many good visits over the years when we came to Florida from Ontario every winter. Always looked forward to our evenings at Linksters. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Eileen Henley

Eileen Henley - August 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

GV

“ Sandy, I am so sorry and saddened by Tom's passing. He was a great employer and a true friend. You two made a great team. You and your family are in our thoughts.

Greg Villalobos - August 07, 2024 at 05:43 PM

GA

“ Great guy, an innovator, genius and now able to be free of his mortal bounds to do so much more. Love to Sandy and the family.

Glenn Arent - August 07, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear about Tom. He was not only like a brother to me but was my best friend. I will always cherish the good times we had at work and play. Mike Hall

Mike Hall - August 07, 2024 at 02:55 PM

JM

*Sandy, words cannot express the sadness we all feel for you and your family. Those of us at NRL that spent time with Tom have missed his friendship, ingenuity and desire to do what is right. The mold was broken with Tom, he is severely missed.*

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**James Martin** - August 07, 2024 at 06:45 PM