



Thomas Wilson Greenlee Sr.

March 11, 1934 - March 30, 2013

Tom Greenlee Sr. lost his battle with cancer Saturday March 30th 2013. He died peacefully in his Nevada home with his wife and soul-mate Carol at his side. Tom was born March 11th 1934 in Chicago Illinois to Theadora and Andrew Fleming. At the age of 10 Tom was adopted by John Greenlee and soon after moved with his family to Rockford Illinois. Tom was a dynamic, one of a kind individual. He was an accomplished pool player at a very early age, an incredible story teller of his adventures, and a dirt track racer known as "Terrible Tom". Tom also became a very successful business man. After driving truck for EB Davis, Almond Trucking and Atwoods Tom partnered with Pete Hastert to run Rockford Auto Parts. Tom purchased the business from Pete in 1988 and brought his son Tom Jr. into the fold. In 2001 Tom sold the business and he and Carol moved to the Carson Valley area... This was Tom's favorite part of the country. Not truly ready to retire Tom and Carol purchased Pic-N-Save Auto Recyclers in Carson City Nevada and spent ten years building it into a another successful business. Tom worked right up until the last few weeks of his life. Tom had a great work ethic all his life. Tom was special to all who really knew him. He leaves behind a huge number of friends, co-workers, and employees that admired him for his honesty and integrity. He made a lasting impression on everyone he met. Tom was preceded in death by his mother Theadora, sister Joann Kemp, son Shaun Greenlee and his stepson Jeremy McCallips. He is survived by his wife Carol, sister Lynn Layman, son Tommy (Tammy) Greenlee Jr., daughter Charlotte

(Jeremy) Rockwell, stepdaughter Kylie (Kerry) Etienne and daughter-in-law Lori Greenlee. He will be missed by his grandchildren Tanner and Dustin Greenlee, Chris Anastase, Amanda and Travis Greenlee, Carter Rockwell and Emilie, Catherine and Christian Etienne.

Per Tom's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. He wanted to be cremated and his final resting place at Emerald Bay at Lake Tahoe.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Wilson Greenlee Sr.*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Thomas Wilson Greenlee Sr.*

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“ *Tom was a huge influence on me as a child, My father worked on his car for him and drove the old open car hauler. I deeply love racing to this day, both racing and more lately just watching. My life was better having known him.*

Jason Halbrader - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom. I will miss you, and think of you often. when you, jack bell and I went to florida for the daytona, it was a fun time. when we raced together at Freeport it was a fun time. and coming to your shop when you were working on your race car. and going to the yard and buying things for my race car, what good memories. it was an honor knowing you. Wayne Lensing*

wayne lensing - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *sorry to hear about Tom .we have a lot of memories . he was a good friend*

Bob and Sherry Strange - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Tom and I had some great times together, he will truly be missed by his friends.

Frank Beadnell - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Carol and family, We want you to know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Take care and God Bless you. Love, Mike and Pat

mike and pat hayes - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Tom was a good man and taught me a lot during the years he was my step-father. I will miss him very much. He was a positive influence in my life. Always honest and fair to all. I will always be a race fan because of my years being so proud of his racing career.

Kathjleen DiGiuseppi - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Been my hero since 1955,you were the racer I was a concesson boy.Loved when we went on trips Sure want Everyone to know how great a man you were had so many great times with. Im really going to miss talking with you. All my love and prayers are being sent to Carol and your family. God BLESS AND RIP ONE OF MY VERY BEST FRIENDS, Billy C.

billy c - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you. Tom was a very special person and will be missed by all.

Ron & Jerri Ruffner - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERSV ARE WITH THE FAMILY. WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

MARGE GYLLENSWAN - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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BS

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing - I have really missed him since he left Rockford

Bill Sworm - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Tom was great guy and great friend. I worked on different race teams that all raced against at many tracks. " Mr. GreenJeans" was for ever a great guy
He will be missed and remembered for ever.a

Stan Mayfield - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TOM WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE THE EARLY 50 A GOOD FRIEND

NANCY - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My prayers and thoughts will be with you all in the days to follow. I have lots of memories of Tom at the junk yard.
God Bless

Gloria Richardson - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ A great man, I spent many Saturdays picking parts and Tom would always ask what was in the bucket I would carry for parts, and say how about five bucks. These memories I will never forget.

Jim Olson - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Carol and family we are so sorry for your loss. Tom you will be missed greatly. RIP

Mark & Barb Lundy - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Tom Greenlee, Sr. was many things to many people. He was something special to me..my hero and the person that I always strove to make proud. He was my Dad. He was not one to express his love in words, but in deeds. Through his crazy life and mine I could always count on him to be there for me. We had our little jokes together and a few secrets, too. I already miss him so much and I fear I always will. As I said he was many things to many people but he was "Pops" only to me. That makes me incredibly lucky and right now incredibly sad.

Charlotte (Greenlee) - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ CAROL SORRY TO HEAR OF TOM'S DEATH..CONDOLENCES FROM ME AND MOM...

HEATHER GARRISON - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Johnny and I are thinking of the entire family and send our sincere sympathy. Tom held a very special place in John's heart. Thinking of you now and in the days ahead. Johnny and Sue Potts

Johnny and Sue Potts - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Carol & Greenlee family. Tom was a fighter and now free of pain. He's probably now starting a new yard up there, with just foriegn cars. His all time favorites. I loved to see him when someone came in for a foriegn part, it was better than going to a circus. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jim & Lynn Hedlund - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Carol,

So sorry to hear about Tom. He was a good man and I know you are missing him very much right now. I have thought of you and missed you over the years. Contact me if you have time. Much love to you. Tom

Tom Cullen - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Carol and Tom's family,
I am very sad to hear of Tom's passing. I have many fond memories of him as a little girl at the junk yard and at the Rockford Speedway, always joking with me. He was a big old teddy bear to me! Another good man has gone and I can only hope he has found peace and no pain. God bless all of you. With sympathy, Shelby

Shelby Hastert DeFilippis - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Knew Tom for many years at several speedways an in business an he always was a real interesting person. He was a real clown some times but always good to me so sorry to hear of his death. Jack

Jack R. Freeberg - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ my thoughts and prayers are with the family at your time of sorrow. I bought a chevy engine and trans from Tom in the late 70's for my hot rod still drivin it. Tom was a good guy and fun to deal with. Condolences, Carol and Tom Jr.

David A Jackson - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Carol,
My heart and prayers are with you and your family. Love you.y
Sonja

Sonja Frank-Tinsley - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ You will missed my many.

Kerry Etienne - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM