



Frank Duncan Manter

April 25, 1945 - July 4, 2025

Greenland - Frank Duncan Manter, born April 25, 1945, in Rome, NY, passed away peacefully on July 4th, 2025 in his family home of Greenland, NH. He was 80 years old.

He attended Hudson High School where he played football and track before going on to study Electrical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). At WPI, Frank participated in ROTC, the marching band and was a member of Theta Chi (ΘΧ) fraternity. After graduation he joined the Army's Signal Corps, where he served his country overseas in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant.

Following his military service, he worked as a Professional Engineer for over 40 years, dedicating himself with integrity and skill to his profession.

Beyond his career, he found joy in life's simplest pleasures: he loved nature—especially watching and caring for his birds—and delighted in puttering around the house, sailing in Great Bay, growing his pumpkins at his family farm, playing in the Portsmouth Music & Arts Center New Horizons Band blowing his saxophone and attending events with the Greenland Veterans Association. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family and friends, who will forever remember his warmth and generosity.

Frank is preceded by his wife of 35 years, Lynda Cecil Prairie Manter (May 23, 1948 - April 26, 2015)

He is survived by his sons: Bryan Manter of Westford, MA; Ian Manter of Danville, CA; and Darren Manter of Arlington, MA. He also leaves behind his daughters-in-law Vanessa Manter, Kimberly Manter, and Emily Laubscher; and six adored grandchildren: Emerson Manter (15), Liam Manter (13), Maxwell Manter (6), Nolan Laubscher (5), Henry Manter (4), and Clara Laubscher (2).

He will be lovingly remembered by his special and beloved friend, Jo Haskel of Newington, NH. Jo and Frank were partners in crime and together they could be seen running amuck of Portsmouth. You would have seen them ushering and hosting people at various events around town or attending jazz nights at The Press Room in Portsmouth.

A memorial service will be held at Greenland Congregation Community Church, 2 Post Rd., Greenland, NH 03840 starting at 2pm on Sunday July 13, followed by celebration of life at the Greenland Veterans Hall, 376 Portsmouth Avenue, Greenland, NH 03840, starting at 3pm. Family and friends are welcome to join any of the events and to share their memories. This will be an informal event. Food and beverages will be served.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to:

Greenland Veteran's Association
376 Portsmouth Ave
Greenland, NH 03840

NHSPCA of Stratham (<https://nhspca.org/>)

Seacoast Repertory Theatre (<https://www.seacoastrep.org/donate>)

or

Great Bay Discovery Campus (<https://greatbay.org/>) at 89 Depot Rd.
Greenland, NH 03840.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Community Congregational Church
2 Post Road
Greenland, NH 03840

Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Greenland Veteran's Hall
376 Portsmouth Ave
Greenland, NH 03840

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Frank insists he was my Big Brother at our fraternity. He was not but was a special friend. I need to get an address of one of his sons to send a personal note. peterstan1@aol.com

peter stanley - July 18, 2025 at 05:47 AM



“ I got to know Frank through his music at Portsmouth Music and Arts Center. His keen wit and desire to be involved in his community really stuck out. I will miss playing with him.

Virginia Macdonald - July 15, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ So many good things can be said about Frank; Ralph and I would like to say we'd like to say “we're glad we knew him”

Jan and Ralph Smith - July 14, 2025 at 08:48 AM

CP

“ Claude P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Duncan Manter.

Claude P. - July 13, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JM

“ Arthur and I met Frank in his later years while tagging along with his beloved friend Jo on their many fun adventures together. Who could top Frank's disco blonde wig; the twinkle in his eyes when he shared his grandchildren's videos; or his latest pumpkin patch harvest! Frank was a true renaissance man...just as comfortable in formal attire or his "farm clothes". An optimist and a gentleman, who played his sax on the Music Hall stage, Frank was a true friend. Attending Press Room jazz nights, Music Hall performances, Seacoast Rep plays, Strawberry Banke summer music nights....Frank accompanied with his dear partner Jo could do it all. We will keep our gentle, kind, and fun loving friend Frank in our hearts.



Judy Miller - July 11, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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“ The King family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



The King family - July 11, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



July 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Duncan Manter.

July 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



July 11, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ When Melody & I first moved in to our home next to Frank, we had so much to do. One of the things we needed was to cut down all of the thick brush that had grown over our leach field. Frank saw me struggling with the task and he brought over his brush cutter to help. Within a few hours we cleared the area and I could not have done it without him. We were so thankful that we had a kind and generous neighbor. We will miss him.
David & Melody Costenbader

David Costenbader - July 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Love, Tina and Dave Dearborn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



Love, Tina and Dave Dearborn - July 09, 2025 at 08:17 PM

LD

“ Love, Tina and Dave Dearborn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Duncan Manter.

Love, Tina and Dave Dearborn - July 09, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



July 08, 2025 at 07:14 PM

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“ The Locke Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank Duncan Manter.



The Locke Family - July 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM

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“ The Locke Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Duncan Manter.

The Locke Family - July 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM