



Frank J Mann

February 23, 1962 - April 20, 2024

CEO of FM Media Company, Frank “Franky” Mann passed away unexpectedly in Florida on April 20th, 2024, at the age of 62. He was born in White Plains, NY and resided in Margaretville, NY for most of his life. Franky was a man of many interests and talents and had a varied and extensive professional life encompassing publisher, “Brand” organizer, builder, and craft beer developer of “Naughty Pig Beer”. Franky’s latest business idea, “ArtVestor” was planned to be a forum for accomplished artists to find investors to share in “Partial” ownership of their works.

His entrepreneurial pursuits brought him on annual treks from New York to the Carolinas, Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California. At the time of his death, Franky was working on his personal memoir to beat cancer on his own terms which he named “Franky Mann’s INDY tour: I’m Not Dead Yet”. The unfinished manuscript is a compilation of the endless friends, restaurants, hotels, music venues, medical personnel, health gurus, and fabulous places he documented on his quest to keep a vital, hopeful, and fulfilling quality of life throughout his courageous journey toward the end. It was his hope to create a foundation to raise money so others could go on their own INDY tour.

In his earlier years Franky had coordinated with his father Frank Mann, owner of Alta Log Homes in Halcottsville, NY to build several speculation homes for the company. He also renovated a lake front property in Cooperstown, NY.

However, Franky's heart was torn between the publishing business and the entertainment sector of music/dinning/unique craft beers. Ultimately, the latter won out.

Franky's first major independent business venture was when he published the "Yellow Pages" for all businesses within the counties of Delaware, Chenango, Greene, Schoharie, Ulster, and Otsego in upstate New York. He next published "Eat, Drink be Social" a book of hotels, restaurants', music venues and available entertainment venues in upstate NY for tourists, visitors and residents who wanted to take advantage of all the entertainment options the area had to offer.

As Franky moved to more 'branding' enterprises, he did a few annual "Saratoga Beer, Bourbon and Scotch Invitational" tasting events to offer the public celebratory drinking/eating/music. During these business ventures in the Saratoga, New York horse country, he hosted a 'pub' television interview show with local pub owners and patrons. His love of making new friends and partying in everyday places was a personal trademark. Franky had always tried to stay active in the music venues for Woodstock, NY and was instrumental in producing the "Woodstock Blues Festival" and Woodstock Guitar Festival". He also started an annual golf tournament in memory of his father, called the "Frank Mann Senator's Cup" held in August at the Hanah Country Resort, Margaretville.

After completion of high school at Berkshire Academy in Massachusetts, Franky graduated from the University of Miami in Florida. He his predeceased by his parents, Frank and Mary Ann Mann of Margaretville, NY. The surviving family includes his brother and sister-in-law, David and Mary Luz Mann of Halcottsville, and his sister Karen Mann of Margaretville, NY.

In lieu of flowers, Franky's wishes were for donations to be sent to the cancer charity of choice. He had hoped to dedicate his memoir in cancer research.

“A Celebration of Life” for family and close friends will be held on June 15th, 2024. If you wish to attend, please email david.mann@altaloghomes.com or text (845)-853-2278 RSVP by June 6th for more details about the time and place. -David Mann

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ 8/25 /2024 We here at the tiki bar in RPB FL have been asking about Franky for a few weeks now. His good buddy Frank Poole knew his last name so we googled and just now are seeing this. We are sending our deepest condolences as many of us have his beer glasses at home because of Frank's generous soul. We even have one here at tiki. Prayers for everyone in his family , we are so sad. 😞

Karen Takacs - August 25, 2024 at 04:49 PM

SW

“ Franky went to Berkshire after I graduated but attended with my sister. We connected in California a number of years ago and he would stay at my house occasionally. I was wondering why I hadn't heard from him this past winter. We often celebrated the Super Bowl together and he would always be talking about his new ventures. A true free spirit and a friend to all. He will be missed dearly and always have a place in my heart.

Spencer Willets - August 05, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CH

“ I just loved him my dear friend of 40+ years
Chuck Hildner

Chuck Hildner - May 24, 2024 at 06:41 PM

AC

“*Franky Mann was a one-of-kind. Always a big dreamer, he had an infectious energy, a quick wit, and an almost constant chuckle. If he wasn't selling his friends on his latest big idea, he was breaking their balls. One of the funnier people I've known, Franky showed up at my wedding in Virginia in his bright yellow sports car, quite certain that his not receiving an invitation was an oversight we regretted (it was), and promptly became the life of the party... and the after-party. Years ago and many weeks after my grandfather had died, Franky joined our extended family for dinner one night at Christopher's in Oneonta and made my grandmother laugh the entire meal because he knew she needed it. That was the first time I'd seen her smile since my grandfather passed. Franky had a penchant for dropping in unannounced, but was so charming and comfortable about it, you didn't mind. He was one of the most generous people I've ever known. I'm so glad I went to see him at the last Frank Mann Senators Cup and tell him I love him. Rest in peace, my friend. You are well remembered.*”

Andrew Campbell - May 21, 2024 at 11:51 PM

VB

This is so heartbreaking. I just went to call Frank and I got somebody else's number & my heart just dropped. I worked alongside of his favorite man in the world, Mr. manocherian my wonderful boss, Frank would always show up to my office unannounced popping his head in w a smile as big as the moon. I'm looking for my uncle he would say I love that man & would immediately run by all his new business ideas by me. They all sounded so amazing. He was so passionate for life and then like the wind he would disappear and come back again a year later & do the same thing- for almost 20 years. One time he crashed on my couch because the hotel was sold out. He asked me out, but I looked at his socks and they were bright yellow and I thought oh my gosh, I don't think I could ever be with a man who wore those funky socks. How shallow!!! I told the story to so many people about how picky I was using that as an example. I didn't know the man behind the yellow socks. He was fabulous!!!! Rest in peace my friend I'm only sorry, heartbroken. I didn't see you when you came to Del Ray and asked me to meet you and I was super busy. I had no idea that it might be the last time I would ever see you. You told me that you're were in the hospital prior but that you were going to go on a motorcycle ride of your life. The one you always wanted to go on - you had all these names for it. I'm not sure if you got to accomplish that dream but I know you're on your bike riding really fast now in heaven. Love you Frankie. Thanks for all the laughs.

Valerie Blasi - April 25, 2025 at 09:46 PM

LG

“RIP my old friend. Wish we had more time to have more fun and laughs. Your positive energy and creativity will be missed.



Lewis Gold - May 08, 2024 at 11:39 AM

 David Mann

Thanks for the call Lewis it was good talking to you about Franky!

David Mann - May 17, 2024 at 03:34 PM

GI

“ *RIP my Friend.*



gina - May 05, 2024 at 10:08 PM

DI

“ *I will miss getting together with him when he came to Fayetteville. Rest in peace*



Dina - May 02, 2024 at 09:11 PM

RM

“ *our deepest condolences to the frank j. mann, jr. family.our thoughts & prayers are with the mann family at this time of sorrow. may god bless you cuzz franky. R. I. P. the margotta family.(angelo, francine, marco, daniel) flavia & ray*

ray & flavia margotta - May 02, 2024 at 08:08 PM

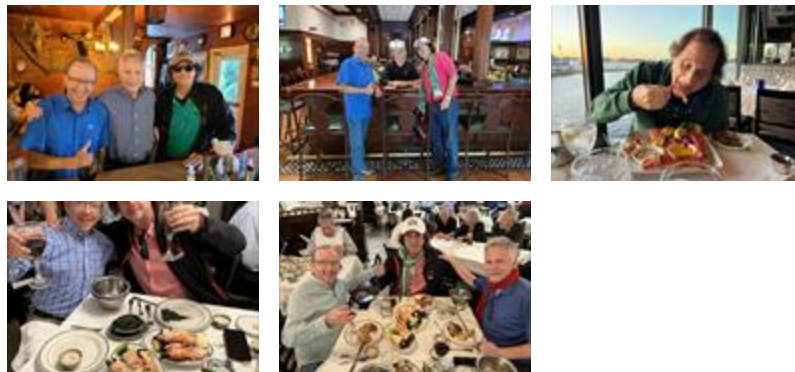


Thank you Ray & Flavia.

David Mann - May 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM

DG

“ 6 files added to the album *Fun Times with Franky*



Dan Garver - May 01, 2024 at 04:44 PM



Great photos Dan. Thank you!

David Mann - May 01, 2024 at 05:56 PM

TU

“ *Met Frank in the Catskills 8 years ago
Waited on him when he came into Joes Stone Crab Miami every
year
Will miss his humor and wisdom
Regards and Prayers to Family
Tammy*

Tammy Umbach - May 01, 2024 at 01:36 PM



Thank you Tammy, he appreciated you and loved going to Joes Stone Crab.

David Mann - May 01, 2024 at 05:55 PM

TW

*I Met Franky 39 years ago!
In Delhi Ny and been friends ever since! Going to Miss Him!
He was definitely one of a kind
David and Karen so sorry for your loss! He will always be remembered!
I don't think Frank was a person you could ever forget! He was that
kind of person and there is not many of him around! RIP Franky!
Gonna miss you!*

Tim West - May 02, 2024 at 12:27 PM

AN

We've known each other since kindergarten. RIP Franky. Ant Rut

Anthony - May 06, 2024 at 06:05 AM

DP

*Far too many losses in the Mann Family in such a short period of time.
Our hearts grieve for David and Karen for the loss of their parents and
now their brother.
We pray that Frankie and his folks are together with our lord God in
heaven.*

Dave & Kim Perazone - May 14, 2024 at 07:39 AM

 David
Mann

Thank you Dave & Kim.

David Mann - May 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JC

Frank was a close family friend for many years. Growing up in Margaretville, he was friends with my Uncle Jim and his parents knew my grandparents. His parents were wonderful people.

Frank would often show up out of the blue at my family's home in Delhi and we'd immediately invite him to stay for dinner. Whenever he chose to drop in, we knew it would be an evening filled with lots of laughter and storytelling. Frank brought joy into the lives of everyone who knew him.

One of Frank's great pleasures in life was fine cuisine and he loved to take his friends out to dinner. I can remember several great meals I had with him during which he encouraged me to try some type of dish I'd never had before.

Frank was so entertaining, we told him he should be the host of his own tv show. With a big grin on his face, he agreed. After that, every time he walked through the door, we would affectionately shout, "It's the Franky Mann Show!"

Above all, Frank was generous and kind. Wherever he went, he brought his fantastic sense of humor, laughter and a spirit of fun. He will be dearly missed by all of us.

My family and I send our deepest sympathies to his brother and sister and their extended family.

Johanna Campbell

Johanna Campbell - May 22, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RP

I will always remember Franky going to me Ronnie P you need to understand. I will miss arguing with him the viability of numerous business schemes. Frank was always upbeat and entertaining until the end. He lived life his way and I respect him for it. We both got cancer in a similar timeframe and became "cancer buddies" debating treatments and keeping each other company at various area eateries. Unfortunately, I could not convince him to go the conventional treatment route. Instead, he embarked on the Franky Mann cross country tour. Frank had friends in every city as he crisscrossed the country. I had the pleasure of spending a week with him in Palm Beach this March before he passed. He knew somebody everywhere we went down there. He was planning the next house flip/business deal nonstop while were together. He never slowed down even with the cancer. We met some of my friends down there and went to the boat show, looked at 10 houses to buy/flip/ ate out all over the area. Made an awesome run down to Billy's stone crabs (one of my favorites) Franky lived life by his own rules and enjoyed it the fullest. My hats off to ya brother. You will be fondly remembered by all you touched.

Ron Pasternak

Ronald Pasternak - June 01, 2024 at 12:05 PM