



Mr. Francis X. Manns

February 1, 1951 - November 14, 2024

Mr. Francis X. Manns, 73, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, November 14, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on February 1, 1951, son of the late Marvin and Marlee DeBlieux Manns, he graduated from St. Joseph High School with the class of 1968. Francis then earned his bachelor's degree from UMASS Amherst, and later would graduate with a Master of Science Degree in Special Education from Lesley University.

Fran had a natural gift for teaching and helping others, qualities that shaped his career and his life. After completing his education, he proudly served for six years in the Army Reserves. He then dedicated over 30 years of his professional life to teaching, primarily at Nessacus Middle School, where he taught English and Math. His dedication to his students was evident in everything he did, always encouraging them to do their best and work toward a brighter future. Fran also worked at Dave's Driving School, where he taught many students the skills they needed to succeed behind the wheel. Fran also worked at the Berkshire County House of Correction, where he taught social studies, offering them the tools and knowledge they needed to improve their lives. His commitment to helping others and making a positive impact was one of his defining qualities.

Among his many passions, Fran enjoyed reading, spending time with his

family on trips to Cape Cod, drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon at the Sideline with his buddies, and working with dedication and pride. He was a fan of classic music, particularly solid golden oldies. He had a deep love for sports and loved watching his children and grandchildren play them. His favorite pastimes included watching golf and football, and cheering on the Boston Bruins in hockey.

Fran is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Diane (Venturini) Manns, whom he married on May 13, 1978. Together, they shared a life filled with joy, laughter, and unwavering partnership. He also leaves behind three cherished children: Carole Wendling and her husband Brian, Nicholas Manns and his partner Jocelyn and Andrew Manns and his wife Kaitlyn. Francis was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren: Marissa and Lila Wendling, Annabel Manns, and Vincent and Oliver Manns, each of whom held a special place in his heart.

He is further survived by his siblings: Marvin C. Manns Jr. (Kathy), Walter Manns (Ann), Peter Manns, Elizabeth Manns (Anthony), and Mary Manns, as well as his brother-in-law Paul Callahan. Francis also leaves behind his sister-in-laws, Donna Murray and Susan Kelly (Timothy Kelly), along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members, all of whom will carry his memory forward.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters Marlee Haines and Deborah Callahan and his brother-in-law Raymond Murray.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Francis X. Manns will be Friday, November 22, 2024 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1:30pm at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling hours will be Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Francis' memory can be made HospiceCare in the Berkshires and St. Agnes Church in Dalton, Massachusetts through the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

NOV **22**. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Just heard of Fran’s passing and so sorry I didn’t attend his services. Sincere condolences to DeeDee and his loving family. If you were ask me, I did just see Fran and DeeDee on their early morning run. Wishing strength and blessing to family and friends.

Pat Rotti Pritchard - November 27, 2024 at 09:27 AM

AC

“ Fran, you will be missed, always a smile and good thing to say, and your beautiful wife,you were blessed with a Mt Carmel girl, say hello to the home plate guys when you

Anthony Cimini - November 22, 2024 at 05:56 AM

SM

“ Diane and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Fran was a great guy who always made us laugh. Every time I saw a Dave’s car I would think of him and I would tell him so.
Sil and Judy Mastrodicasa

silvano Mastrodicasa - November 21, 2024 at 04:35 PM

DH

“ Diane and family,
So sorry to hear of Fran's passing. He was a real good guy. My deepest sympathies to you all.
Dave Hinkell

David Hinkell - November 21, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss great guy will miss him keeping all of u guys in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff Harrington/Tamara Viana(Gazaw)

jeff harrington - November 20, 2024 at 04:08 PM

BK

“ We lost a funny one! 😞

Bill Kerwood - November 20, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SP

“ Diane and family,so sorry for your loss.Lots of laughs over the years. He will be missed...Steve St Peter

Steve St Peter - November 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM

MM

“ I often remember and praise Mr. Manns as he was the ONE teacher my son had that genuinely cared and was able to reach students. So very sorry for your loss. He certainly has his angel wings.

Martha, Dalton MA - November 19, 2024 at 08:50 AM

DC

“ To the Mamms family our condolences.May he rest in peace. 🙏🙏

Daniel Caritey - November 19, 2024 at 08:09 AM