

**Frank Shaw****D—4163**

Frank Shaw, 87 of Lyman, New Hampshire passed away at his home on December 10th, 2025. Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956. He volunteered for airborne duty and upon completion of his training was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Frank was discharged from active duty in 1959 and joined the 11th SFG(A) where he served until 1991. In 1974, Frank joined the Metropolitan District Commission as a sworn police officer. He would later serve as an officer with the Massachusetts State Police. Frank is survived by his son, Mark. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in December 18th, 2025. Interment is at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

Frank D. Shaw

December 10, 2025 (Age 87)

Lyman, New Hampshire

Special Forces

SFA Chapter 54, Mem# D-4163

Frank D. Shaw, 87, Lyman, died December 10, 2025 at his home.

Frank David Shaw was a resident of Lyman New Hampshire for over 20 years. He passed away on Wednesday, 10 December 2025. He died at home peacefully. He was born in 1937 in South Boston, Massachusetts. His father was Frank Dominic Shaw and his mother was Jeanne Shaw. Her maiden name was Agurkis. He had one sister, Joni that preceded him in death and she lived in Virginia Beach, VA. He married the love of his life Natalie (McGrath) on November 25, 1961 and they remained lovebirds until her passing in 2023. They lived in Medford, Massachusetts until moving to Lyman, New Hampshire in 2003.

He attended Boston technical high school, and later went on to get his degree in mechanical engineering and was a draftsman eventually going to work for Dynamac. Through that company he was sourced out to many leading manufacturers in industry and aerospace. In 1972, he felt a calling to become a police officer and in 1974 joined the Metropolitan District Commission. When the MDC consolidated with the Massachusetts state police, he served as a trooper until his retirement in 1992 during that time he received a masters degree in law-enforcement. That was the boring stuff!

In 1956 he joined the United States Army, and after finding out that jump pay as a paratrooper was quite a bit higher, he decided to go Airborne. He served with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, from there he transitioned to a new group of elite soldiers with specialized training, that led later to him becoming a Green Beret when they were established. He was a member of the 11 Special Forces, Company A out of Fort Devens, Massachusetts. During his time as a reservist, he reached the rank of Sergeant Major and over the course of his career he did thousands of military jumps all around the world on every continent. After his retirement from special forces, he continued to jump out of perfectly good aircraft, traveling again all over the world with many of his former teammates and engaging with foreign militaries to train and experience their cultures. Contrary to the suspicions of many, there's no proof that he ever worked for the CIA. It's also worthy of note that this individual described above was afraid of heights as his son will testify that as soon as he was old enough to climb a ladder he had to clean the gutters when the leaves built up. He was an avid sportsman and spent his recreational time hunting and fishing, which was never a source of discord in the home as his bride frequently accompanied him. At long last, his guardian angel gets a retirement because throughout the course of his military and civilian life he escaped death on so many occasions as to be almost laughable. His wife Natalie predeceased him in 2023 and a granddaughter Althea in 1994.

He is survived by his only son Mark and his wife Kelly. He is also survived by a granddaughter Breana.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 18, 10:00, at the St. Rose of Lima Church with Father Ryan Amazeen officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate>