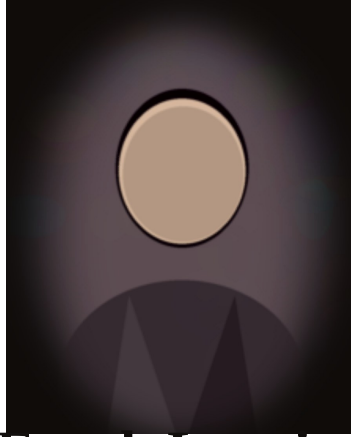




Frank Lovejoy

March 28, 1912 - October 2, 1962

New York, New York

Frank Andrew Lovejoy Jr. - American actor whose radio iron and film-noir everyman roles made ordinary courage look like a job description - died in New York City on October 2, 1962. He was fifty. Born March 28, 1912, in the Bronx and raised in New Jersey, he built a career across Gang Busters, Night Beat, Suspense, and films including The Hitch-Hiker, Home of the Brave, House of Wax, and Strategic Air Command.

Television later gave him Meet McGraw and guest turns that kept the same steady voice. While performing with his wife Joan Banks in a New Jersey production of The Best Man, he died of a heart attack in his sleep at the Warwick Hotel in New York. Colleagues remembered a professional who treated each medium as craft, not costume.

The Bronx gave him the start; radio gave him the lungs. He acted as if the everyman still had nerves of steel.

He died in New York on October 2, 1962. Somewhere a noir highway is still waiting for the next ride.

Lovejoy's gift was usable toughness - making suspense feel neighborly. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so October 2 remembers the Bronx actor who carried Night Beat into American memory.

Services

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