

Frank William Mahr passed away peacefully on Friday 26 February 2021 at his home in Yackandandah, aged 92.

After moving from Seaford to the North East, Frank continued his love of cooking, gardening and shopping for bargains! He made lots of new friends who loved to hear all about Frank's adventures!

Frank will be laid to rest in the Yackandandah Cemetery on Tuesday 9th March at 10:30 am, with a wake at his home at 11 Parkes Street, Yackandandah.

If you would like to send a tribute to be read at the service, please email Frank's daughter-in-law, Raelene Kwong, on [raezor42@gmail.com](mailto:raezor42@gmail.com).

Donations can be made to the Beechworth Health District Nursing Service, who assisted Frank in his wishes to pass away at home, by following this [LINK](#).



## **Vale Frank Mahr**

**by Elizabeth Alexander**

After more than two decades of sharing his knowledge and vast experience with minds young and old, Frank Mahr was admired and adored by countless members of U3A Frankston, students of Murdoch College and residents of Frankston and Seaford.

Frank, who was Frankston's first Senior Citizen of the Year in 2014 (see attached photo), passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his home in Yackandandah on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021.

Frank was already well established at Frankston U3A when Margaret Mace joined the organisation in 2000. She remembers him as lively, articulate, fun to be with and a mine of knowledge. "Frank was treasured by many," she notes, "because of his eccentricity." Margaret remembers him enchanting the residents of Seaford where Frank rode a bike around town with his pet parrot happily hitching a ride on his shoulder (see attached photo).

He taught classes in Egyptology and all fields of Science and included endless fascinating information about opera, history, fine arts and other of his pursuits. He became good friends with fellow Science enthusiast Ross McLennan and persuaded Ross to become his tutoring partner. The two presented classes for many years covering topics from astronomy to zoology and introduced scores of students to the wonders of Science.

Frank and Ross both also volunteered for the mentoring program at Murdoch College, where Frank was exceptionally popular with his chess classes. He was always enthusiastic and spontaneous, one day even taking his Murdoch students into the campus kitchen to prepare a lunch for the College Principal.

U3A members who delighted in Frank's company learned about his globe spanning adventures and achievements, many of which would fit right into a Robert Ludlum thriller.

"He was definitely a most colourful and diverse character," his friend Margaret sums up.

Friends wishing to send messages to his family can address cards to The Mahr Family, 11 Parkes Street, Yackandandah 3749.

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