**Frank Lovejoy**

Frank Andrew Lovejoy, Jr. was born March 28, 1912 in the Bronx, New York, but grew up in New Jersey. His father, Frank Lovejoy, Sr., was a furniture salesman from Maine. His mother, Nora, was born in Massachusetts to Irish immigrant parents.

A successful radio actor, Lovejoy played Broadway Harry on the Gay Nineties Revue and was heard on the 1930s crime drama series Gang Busters. During its first season, Lovejoy was a narrator for the show This Is Your FBI.

Lovejoy played in radio soap operas Valiant Lady, This Day Is Ours, Brave Tomorrow and in Bright Horizon. He also played the title character on the syndicated The Blue Beetle in 1940, and several episodes of The Whistler. He is well known as reporter Randy Stone in the newspaper drama series Night Beat in in which he starred from 1950 to 1952. He also appeared in episodes of Suspense in the late 1950s, and starred as John Malone in The Amazing Mr. Malone.

In films of the 1940s and 1950s, Lovejoy mostly played supporting roles. Appearing in movies such as Goodbye, My Fancy (1951) with Joan Crawford, and The Hitch-Hiker (1953) directed by Ida Lupino, Lovejoy was effective playing the movie's everyman in extraordinary situations. He was in several war movies, notably Stanley Kramer's Home of the Brave (1949), Breakthrough (1950), Joseph H. Lewis's Retreat, Hell! (1952), and in Beachhead (1954). In 1951, he had the title role in the movie version of I Was a Communist for the FBI.

Lovejoy starred in two short-run TV series, Man Against Crime and Meet McGraw. Lovejoy's final television performances include the episode "County General" on the ABC series Bus Stop in March of 1962. He also appeared on the ABC crime drama entitled Target: The Corruptors!

Lovejoy was first married to Frances Williams, but divorced in the late 1930s. In 1940, Lovejoy married actress Joan Banks. Together they had a son and a daughter. According to Internet Movie Database, from 1948 to 1962, Lovejoy would have credit for work in a total of 63 television shows and movies.

On October 2, 1962, Frank Lovejoy died of a heart attack in his sleep at his residence in New York City. He was survived by his is second wife, Joan Banks, with whom he had been appearing at the time in a New Jersey production of the Gore Vidal play The Best Man. Lovejoy was 50 years old.

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