

Alan M. Frank



Alan M. Frank died July 26, 2025. He was 80.

Frank was born in the Bronx, New York City. He was raised by parents Sol, a civil engineer, and Gert, an office administrator and social activist. He attended New York University, initially majoring in biology before switching to physics. He completed his master's degree at the University of Denver. He served in the Eldorado Springs Volunteer Fire Department. In 1974, after several years at Ball Brothers Research Corp.

in Boulder, he was offered a job at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), and the family relocated to Livermore. At LLNL, he worked on many experimental projects and specialized in the development of laser technology, optics, and high-speed photography. His innovations contributed to biomedical, energy, space and defense-related industries. He authored dozens of articles and conference papers, and in 1995 was awarded the Harold Edgerton Award for High-Speed Micro-Photography. He retired from LLNL in 2007.

Alan is celebrated and sorely missed by his wife Peggy, daughter and son-in-law Rebecca and Craig McKinney, grandchildren Jamie and Susanna, brother Ray and his family, sisters-in-law Pat Jones and Nina Davis, and brother-in-law Raymond Davis. He is also remembered by many cousins, friends, colleagues and neighbors.

A memorial celebration will be held for him at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore, on Friday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, attn: Rotary Music Scholarships, or to the Livermore Amador Symphony.