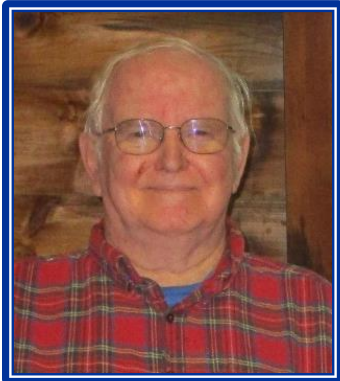




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Franklin Philbrick *Resident Spotlight*

Franklin Milton “Frank” Philbrick was born in 1938 in Keene, New Hampshire. The youngest of five Philbrick children, Nancy, Kenny, Ann (Tutty), Artie, Billy and Frank, he grew-up exploring the abundance of wildlife, hunting, camping, and fishing year-round. Once he could drive, he plowed for extra spending cash. He was very competitive as he, his friends, and his brothers tried to outdo each other making the highest snow piles.

Frank attended Keene public high school and a year of college. He married Donna in the summer of 1960. In 1961, five days after his 23rd birthday and shortly after the birth of his first child Brenda, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army. He attended boot camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey, then went on to advanced Surveillance, Resistance and Survival training and US Army Field Artillery School (USAFAS) at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, he was attached to the Artillery 4th Howitzer Battalion, HQ based out of Fort Lewis, Washington. His final duty station in the summer of 1962 was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from which he was honorably discharged.



He and Donna then focused their attention on their growing family in Keene where Frank continued to serve in the NH 197th Artillery Army Reserve Battalion until 1963. Frank also worked for the Keene Public Works. In time, he was promoted to superintendent. By then, he and Donna had their three girls: Brenda, Kim and Karen. Frank kept busy, eventually taking on a second job working for the Keene Post Office and volunteering at the community soup kitchen.

Together the family enjoyed camping (starting with tents and sleeping bags then finally squeezing into their pop-up) and visiting Frank’s parents ‘up the mountain’. Often, Frank would escape the chatter of a house filled with females to fish. After the girls had grown, they continued to camp and Donna joined him fishing when she wasn’t checking out yard sales. They both loved to gather their brood for holidays, attend their grandchildren’s and great-grandchildren’s birthday parties, school concerts, band concerts on the Keene green, town “bean suppers”, watching people, and exploring the food offerings at family diners near and far. In between it all, Frank loved his naps.

After a while, Frank and Donna acquired a cabin in Pittsburg, NH, in the Connecticut Lakes Region, where their 3 children, their spouses, the 4 grandchildren, and eventually the grandchildren’s spouses and the 8 great-grandchildren would gather. Needless to say, they outgrew the 12 ft aluminum fishing boat, so they upgraded to a pontoon boat. The family enjoyed swimming, boating, fishing, and their favorite pastime, moose watching. Frank has always loved animals. His daughter Kim remembers their Bassett Hounds, Beagle, goats, ducks, chickens and a very mean rooster.

Frank joined the NHVH family in 2019. He can often be found enjoying watching birds, animal videos, or his favorite TV shows. He enjoys music, craft and food events, BINGO, and our many dog visits.

It is our great pleasure and honor to call Frank a member of our NH Veterans Home family.

