



## John E. "Bill" Phinazee Jr.

February 22, 1928 - December 25, 2021

John Emmett Phinazee, Jr. (Bill)

John Emmett Phinazee, Jr. died peacefully on Christmas Day, December 25, 2021, loved and cherished by his family. He was born in Forsyth, GA on February 22, 1928, the son of John Emmett Phinazee and Frances Rumble Phinazee, and was 93 years of age. He was a graduate of Mary Persons High School and attended Gordon Military College.

From January 1947 to September 1960, he was employed as a clerk in the post office at Forsyth, GA. During the period 1950 through 1953 he served in the U.S. Air Force in Japan and Korea during the Korean War. On September 17, 1960, he was appointed to the position of United States Postal Inspector, having territory assignments in Johnstown and Altoona Pennsylvania and Greensboro, N.C. On June 30, 1971 he was transferred to Atlanta, GA where he specialized in the investigation of major mail fraud cases. He retired from the Postal Service on January 9, 1981 with 34 years of federal service.

From 1981 to 1986 he was employed as a Securities Investigator by the Georgia State Securities Commission. In 2005, he co-authored a book with another retired Postal Inspector titled Moments in Time (True Stories of the United States Postal Inspectors). He was a member of the National Association of Retired Postal Inspectors, the Korean War Veterans

Association, The American Legion and the Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church where he was active in Operation Soldier Support, a program sponsored by the church to support our troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan with cards, letters and care packages, as well as any emergency needs of their families, and veterans at home.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Maxine Jordan Phinazee, Buford, GA; two daughters: Kathy Phinazee Bullock (Greg), Loganville, GA and Kimberly Phinazee, Cumming, GA.; two granddaughters: Mallory Brickley Thounhurst, (Andrew), Good Hope, GA; Erin Brickley, Pensacola, FL; two great grandsons Bryson Andrew Thounhurst and John Brantley Thounhurst; a great granddaughter, Adara Quinn Bullard; and nephew Roger L. Kraft (Judy), of Manchester, TN.

A Graveside Service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, Georgia. In lieu of flowers he requested that contributions be made to the Northeast Georgia Veterans Shelter ([neghvs.org](http://neghvs.org)) in Winder, GA, or to Wreaths Across America ([www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)) for Christmas Wreaths for veterans' grave sites at the Georgia National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgins Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Canton, GA 30114

# Tribute Wall



“ *John E. "Bill" Phinazee Jr.*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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**Maxine Phinazee** - January 03, 2022 at 11:25 AM



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**Maxine Phinazee** - January 03, 2022 at 10:29 AM

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“ I trained under Bill in 1967 at Greensboro and he continued to befriend me through the years all the way to 2021, the last years by e- mail. He was always a gentleman in manner. I am proud to have known him.

*BW Barron*

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**Billie Wayne Barron** - December 30, 2021 at 07:49 AM

MP

*Thank you for your kind words. He often shared his experiences and stories of his friends and colleagues in the inspection service and I know how much he loved keeping in touch. Thank you again, we will miss him so much.*

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**Maxine Phinazee** - January 03, 2022 at 10:35 AM

GG

*I came to know Bill through a Friday morning breakfast group at a local family restaurant. He always had a smile for the men and often shared his wit. I enjoyed his many emails both serious and funny. My heart is saddened by his passing and I will miss him dearly. My prayer is “may God grant peace and comfort to Maxine and his family in the days ahead”.*

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*Gene Hall*

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**Gene Gall** - January 10, 2022 at 09:42 AM

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*I enjoyed my years as a coworker of Bill in the Atlanta Division...  
"Go Rest High" ole friend"*

*Wayne Hudson*

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**Wayne Hudson** - January 13, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JS

*Good class friend.Mary Person class 1945.John Sloop.Forsyth Ga*

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**John Sloop** - January 19, 2022 at 09:30 AM