

LT. Col. William P. Bingham, USAF, retired 5-22-1929 10-05-2015

Final Flight

Lt. Col. William Paul Bingham (Bill) passed away October 5, 2015, in Panama City, FL after a brief illness. A native of Emporia, KS, Bill was a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and West Point Military Academy. He served his country as a FAC pilot in Vietnam, a test pilot, Command Pilot in the USAF, and was a founding member of the Space Command.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul V. and Cora Binghan of Emporia, KS; his wife, Hilda Mae Thomas Binghman and a daughter, Teri Sue Bingham Phillips.

Survivors include his sons, William Paul Bingham, Jr. of Cairo, GA and Thomas Vern Bingham of Dothan, AL. his son-in-law, Mark Phillips of Cairo, GA; grandchildren, Jerissa Boyd and husband Micky of Pelham, GA, Clair Phillips of Atlanta, GA and Aaron Phillips of Athens, GA; and great-grandchildren, Michael and Kayln Boyd, both of Pelham, GA.

Bill will be laid to rest beside his parents with full military honors at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 10, 2015, at the Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Emporia, KS. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's name may be made to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St. Boys Town, NE 68010, one of his favorite charities.

God's Speed, Dad.