

# **PHIMISTER, WILLIAM**

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William Phimister, 92, former Greenburgh police officer, Westchester County Undersheriff, and Warden of the Westchester County Jail, died February 16, 2004 in Moody, Maine, the community to which he retired in 1977. When appointed Undersheriff in 1960, Phimister was praised for being one of the outstanding men in Westchester police work. Though forced to quit high school, he later obtained his degree, and persevered in law enforcement studies at the Delehanty Police Institute, the Police Academy, the Baruch School, the Traffic Institute at Northwestern University, and New York University. Born February 3, 1912 in White Plains, one of five children of Scottish immigrant parents, John Charles and Elizabeth Masson Phimister, he was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed gardening, carpentry, golfing, family and friends. He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 62 years, a retired teacher, three children: Ruth

Ann Phimister, Elizabeth Ellen Smith, and Evelyn Jean Phimister; and his grandchildren: Douglas, Ellen and Benjamin Smith.