



## John Wooten Bland, Jr.

March 8, 1925 - December 13, 2013

John W. Bland, Jr. of Conyers, Georgia passed away December 13, 2013 after a brief illness in Greenville, Georgia.

John was born March 8, 1925 in Statesboro, Georgia to the late John Wooten Bland, Sr. and Ethel McDougal Bland. He grew up in Forsyth, Georgia, where he played football for Mary Persons High School from 1939-1941. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Moncrief Bland, son Deil Clayton Bland, and sister, Kathryne Bland McSwain. He is survived by his daughter Lauren Bland Jones of Newnan, Georgia ; grandson James D. "Bo" Huddleston, (Anna), great granddaughters Ashley, Sydney, and Verity, all of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sister-in-law, Skippi Moncrief Posey, (Don), of Albany, Georgia; brother-in-law, David Moncrief, (Linda), of Leesburg, Georgia; nieces and nephews.

John attended University of Georgia and in 1949, graduated from Woodrow Wilson School of Law in Atlanta. He practiced law in Marietta, Atlanta and Decatur from 1949 until his retirement in 2002. However, he was first and foremost a United States Marine. Joining the Marine Corps in 1942 at the age of 17, he served in WWII until August, 1944. He saw action in the 4th Marines Division, 24th Infantry in the Asia -Pacific theatre, taking part in the capture of Roi-Namur and Saipan. He was a member of the Georgia Association of Marine Corps Lawyers, the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, and

VFW.

A memorial service will be held at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia on Saturday, February 15th at 2PM.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
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# Tribute Wall

LI

“ John visited my office in Clayton county many times over the years and was always a gentleman to me and my staff and in the courtrooms. My prayers are with the family.

Linda - February 12, 2014 at 12:46 AM

WJ

“ John practiced for years with my parents, Maymie and Norwood Jones. My Dad left my courtroom learning up to John with whom I learned a great deal about the correct way to try cases, both jury and non jury. He was a always fully prepared and acted with respect towards the court, whether it was ruling in his favor or not.

Woody Jones - February 10, 2014 at 01:12 PM

TM

“ Although I never met him, I certainly feel that I knew him at some level due to the wonderful stories that Lauren would tell. Ken and I are thinking of you all.

Teresa and Ken Morneault - February 09, 2014 at 07:26 AM

MF

“ I would like to express condolences on behalf of the Sgt. Clyde Thomason MOH Detachment #1325, Coweta and Fayette County. Semper Fi!

Michael Foran - February 07, 2014 at 10:44 AM

DG

“ Pat and I extend our deepest sympathies to John's family. I met John through the Marine Corps League, the General Ray Davis (MOH) Detachment, Detachment #1188. He was one our heroes having defended our country during WWII. He will be sorely missed. Semper Fi, John!

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**Dave Gardner** - February 01, 2014 at 01:18 PM

FB

“ I would like to express condolences on behalf of Gen Ray Davis Marine Corps League Det #1188; Covington GA

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**Frank Bernat** - December 16, 2013 at 08:08 PM

DO

“ John and I were Marine friends in Covington. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Don** - December 15, 2013 at 07:28 PM