



Obituary

Born: Thursday, July 31, 1930

Died: Thursday, August 30, 2018

Melvin Grimes, 88, Ashville, died August 30, 2018 at UPMC Altoona. Born July 31, 1930 in R.D. Ashville, son of the late Homer and Elva (Litzinger) Grimes. Preceded in death by son, Daryl, granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, brothers, Elliott and Haden, and sisters, Elaine Doughty and Joyce Hricko. Survived by wife, the former Betty Berkhimer, whom he married April 26, 1958 in Portage. Children: Galen (Tracy) of Altoona, Sandy (Jen) of Chesapeake City, MD, Lance (Rebeca) of Millville, NJ, and Vicky (Alan) Pettenati of DuBois, 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, brother, Jack (Betty) of Buffalo, NY, sister, Joan Kowalski of Gallitzin, sister in law, Theresa Grimes of R.D. Ashville and numerous nieces and nephews. Melvin was an Army Veteran of the Korean War, and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars. He worked at the Sam Rea Shops, Hollidaysburg for over 30 years and retired in 1995. Melvin enjoyed rabbit and deer hunting, coaching and playing baseball, he was a member of the Eldorado Altoona City League team that won numerous championships. He also enjoyed playing horseshoes, shooting pool at the Blair Senior Center, and was awarded over 150 medals from Senior Olympic Games. Friends will be received from 5:00 PM until time of funeral service at 8:00 PM Saturday at the Gibbons Funeral Home, 1688 Liberty St., Ashville, PA 16613. Military Rites are in charge of Local Military Organizations. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Blair Senior Services, Altoona, PA in Melvin's memory. www.gibbonsfhashvillecoalport.com

Service Summary

Visitation

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sat Sep 01, 2018

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Funeral Service

8:00 PM Sat Sep 01, 2018

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