

OBITUARY

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Albert G Gmerek 88, of Houtzdale died Saturday February 4, 2017 at his residence.

Born October 3, 1928, he was the son of Thomas and Frances (Slabon) Gmerek.

He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Houtzdale, Houtzdale American Legion Freeberg Post # 571, United Mine Workers, St. Anthony's Beneficial Society, Stephen Kandrach V.F.W. Post #6321 Smithmill, Houtzdale Loyal Order of Moose #327, and the Morann Citizen Club.

Albert served with the United States Army during the Korean War.

He retired from Barns and Tucker Coal Co.

Albert enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and working with his tractor.

On February 27, 1953 he married Ruth Chincharick, who survives at home.

Along with his wife he is survived by a son Larry (Linda) Gmerek of Houtzdale, a daughter Joyce (Chuck) McCully of Ramey, six grandchildren, Allison (Craig) Rowles of Philipsburg, Ryan Gmerek of Harrisburg, Jason Gmerek of Downingtown, Nicholas Gmerek of State College, Britney McCully of State College and Kelley McCully of Ramey.

Also surviving is a great grandchild Kyler, a sister Alberta Ferlitch and a number of nieces and nephews.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Jerome.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Christ the King Catholic Church, Houtzdale Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Father Marc Solomon as celebrant.

Visitation will be held at the Birger A Freeberg Funeral Home Inc. Houtzdale Tuesday February 7, 2017 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Interment will be in American Legion Cemetery with full military honors accorded by the Houtzdale American Legion Honor Guard.

The family requests memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Assoc.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.birgerafreebergfuneralhome.com