

## Obituary

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Calvin Gene Thomas 86, of West Hannah Street Houtzdale died Friday September 15, 2017 at his home.

Born December 13, 1930 in Brisbin, he was the son of the late Cyril D Thomas and Jennette (Lobb) Thomas.

Gene was a member of the Brisbin Baptist Church, a Boy Scout leader for many years, and a member of the National Camper and Hikers Association.

He retired from Sears where he was employed as a service technician for over 25 years and was well known in the area as a general repairman who could fix almost anything.

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

On July 20, 1958 in the Brisbin Baptist Church he married Julia (LeGrand) Thomas, who preceded him in death on January 15, 2017.

Gene is survived by a daughter Sandra (Ellis) Kirshner of Franklinville, N.J., and two sons Donald (Tina) Thomas of New Providence, and Joseph (Laura) Thomas of Kansas City, M.O.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Joshua and David Kirshner, Kaitlyn (Chris) Johnston, Andrew and Taylor Thomas and two brothers Warren Lee Thomas of Houtzdale and John William Thomas of Jamestown, NY.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Friends will be received on Tuesday September 19, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at the Birger A Freeberg Funeral Home Inc, Houtzdale.

Funeral service will be held at the Brisbin Baptist Church on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Mark Melhorn officiating.

Interment will follow in the I.O.O. F. Cemetery, Brisbin with graveside military honors accorded by the Houtzdale American Legion Honor Guard.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the Brisbin Baptist Church, Brisbin, Pa 16620

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