

David R. Briner, (7 Jun 1921 – 18 Aug 2012), Perry County Times, September 6, 2012

David R. “Punch” Briner, 91, of Blain died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 in Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill.

He was born June 7, 1921 at Blain to **Harry** and **Myrtle (Hockenberry) Briner**.

He was retired from the Mechanicsburg Navy Depot, and was a heavy equipment operator, crane operator, mechanic and farmer; served during World War II in the European Theatre of Operation and fought at the Battle of the Bulge, D-Day and the Crossing of the Rhine, and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; a member of Adams Lodge 319 F&AM, New Bloomfield, Legion Post 945 and VFW Post 15040; and owned Briner’s Kennels, raising mostly beagles, and in addition to training hunting dogs, he trained and boarded horses.

He was the widower of **Shirley (Henry) Briner**.

Surviving are a son, **Dave E.**, and a daughter, **Diane B. Thorn**, both of Blain; four foster children, **Anna Mae Zimmerman**, **Nancy Milisevic**, **Clyde Smith** and **Lawrence Smith**; 10 grandchildren, including **Lauren Loughran**, **Andrew Thorn**, **Jesse Briner**, **Lorraine Briner**, **Sierra Briner**, **Doug Briner**; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five siblings, **Iva Garlin**, **Dale Briner**, **Ruth Gutshall**, **Miles Briner** and **Grace Valentine**.

A service was held Aug. 23 in the Blain Fire Company fellowship hall with the Rev. Jack Feaster officiating.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Germantown United Methodist Church, 3900 Big Spring Road, Blain 17006.

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