

**Eugene Elwood Hench**, (4 Dec 1925 – 8 Oct 2012), Perry County Times, 18 Oct 2012

**Eugene Elwood “Slim” Hench**, 86, of New Bloomfield died Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 in Harrisburg Hospital.

He was born Dec. 4, 1925 in Loysville to **John E.** and **Ruth E. Ickes Hench**.

He was retired from Smith Farm Equipment, Newport; a World War II veteran; a member of New Bloomfield United Methodist Church and Bloomfield Cemetery board of directors; a respected master mechanic who could fix or repair any kind of tractor or lawn mower; and enjoyed hunting, gardening and spending time at his son’s home cutting and splitting wood.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, **Josephine Askins Hench**; a son, **Alan E.** of Loysville; two daughters, **Kathleen J. Ness** and **Beverly S. Hench**, both of Camp Hill; a brother, **Dale** of Quarryville; three sisters, **Elizabeth Lyons Hench** of Elizabethtown, **Helen Crofts** of Dover, Del., and **Sarah Fry** of Carlisle; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, **Edward** and **Glenn**.

Services were held Oct. 12 in his church with the Rev. Jean Felty officiating.  
Burial was in Bloomfield Cemetery.

Boyer Funeral Home, New Bloomfield, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church, P.O. Box 96, New Bloomfield 17068.