

FERKO — George E., 71, Central City, died Sept. 2, 1997, at Windber Hospital. Born July 28, 1926, in Shade Township, son of John and Susan (Gallo) Ferko. Preceded in death by parents; brother, John; and sisters, Mary and Ann. Survived by wife of 28 years, former Helen Shaffer; and these children: George W., married to former Vivian Barwatt, Central City; Douglas, and his fiancée, Abbie Coyle, New Holland; Susan, Salix; and Lori, wife of Dennis Mehora, Vinco; also survived by grandchildren, William, Jeffrey and Kelsey. Brother of Michael, Andrew, Paul, Margaret Milavec and Victor Recicar. U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Past scoutmaster of Troop 121, BSA. President of Jednota, Branch 732. Former employee of Reitz Coal Co. A 35-year member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 354. Friends received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City, where vigil service will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Interment, parish cemetery. Graveside military rite by Central City VFW and American Legion posts. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to Regional Hospice at Windber, in George's memory.

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