

# Former UMW District President John Ghizzoni Dies At Age 92 88

HOMER CITY, Pa. — John Ghizzoni, 92, a native of Beechtree and resident of Homer City, Pa., former president of the United Mine Workers of America, District 2, died Sunday.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated from St. Louis Church, Lucerne Mines, Pa. at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Interment will be in St. Mary Cemetery at Reynoldsville.

Mr. Ghizzoni was born June 22, 1892 in Beechtree, Pa. the son of Felix and Teresa Cominetti Ghizzoni. He attended elementary school at Beechtree and Brockway and later enrolled in courses from the International Correspondence School of Scranton.

He was first employed as a miner at the age of 12 in Soldier Run Mines and later worked in the Trout Run Mines at Wishaw, Pa. He became a traveling auditor for the UMWA District 2. He was appointed president of District 2 in 1952 by the UMWA President John L. Lewis. He had been a member of the International Executive Board, representing District 2 since 1920. He retired as District 2 president in 1965. In 1955 he was named to the St. Francis College Board. In 1955 he attended the Fourth World Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at Vienna, Austria, along with UMWA Vice President Thomas Kennedy. He had been named to the Board



of District 50 in 1944.

Mr. Ghizzoni was married to the former Christine Ferrari of Wishaw, Pa. in 1920. She survives. Other survivors are a son John F. Ghizzoni of Arlington, Va., and a daughter Dorothy Martino of Brockway; a sister Mary and a brother Reno of Homer City, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He had retired Jan. 20, 1970 after 49 years of consecutive service with the Union.