



## Elmer W. Benson

September 23, 1924 - January 23, 2017

Elmer W. Benson (1924-2017)

CEDAR FALLS – Elmer W. Benson, 92, of Cedar Falls died Monday, January 23, 2017, at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

He was born September 23, 1924 in Cresco, Iowa, son of Oliver and Regina (Makepeace) Benson. He married Mildred I. Gunderson on September 11, 1945 in Waterloo. She died February 25, 2007.

He attended Cresco High School and served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was employed for 36 years at Rath Packing Company, retiring in 1984.

Survived by: a daughter, Patty Fratzke of Marion; a son, Ronald Benson of Shorewood, IL; eight grandchildren: Todd, Scottie Ben, Sloan, and Nick Benson, Tiffani, Jacob (Sonya) and Mark (Molly) Fratzke, Tangee Sills; seven great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and a brother, Robert (Monique) Benson of Williamsburg, VA.

Preceded in death by a son, Michael Lee Benson; and two sisters, Helen Benda and Ella Jimenez.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Nazareth Lutheran Church Chapel, Cedar Falls, with burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Cresco. Visitation for one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the Western Home Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

Cresco, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Funeral Service

JAN 26. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for asking the Honor Guard Unit from the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 to conduct full military rites for Elmer's funeral. It was our privilege to honor his service to our country in the US Navy.

*Honor Guard Unit  
Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49*

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**Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49** - January 26, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer W. Benson.



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January 25, 2017 at 05:12 PM

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“ It was a pleasure being able to take care of Benny. He was always so kind and knew how to put a smile on everyone's face. My deepest condolences to the family.



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**Slobodanka Maljkovic** - January 24, 2017 at 10:45 PM

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“ We will certainly miss Benny at the Cottage. He was such a joy to visit with! Our deepest sympathy for your loss.

*Arlene Baker & family (Theresa, Julie, Nancy, Carol & Cindy)*

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**Cindy Weber** - January 24, 2017 at 10:08 PM

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“ *Your Dad was such a happy gentle man. We had some good times at Amana and having dinner at our house with Mom when he was able. Our sympathy to you all.*  
*Gary and Patty Tann*

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**Patty Tann** - January 24, 2017 at 09:54 PM

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“ *My condolences to you and yours, Patty and Ron.*

*From: Anne Mager Schoonover*

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**Anne Schoonover** - January 24, 2017 at 05:49 PM