



## Edwin Benson

May 27, 1909 - February 10, 2008

Edwin Benson -- Kankakee Edwin A. Benson, 98, died Sunday (Feb. 10, 2008) at the Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Fla., following a brief illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, and until time of services at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Skyline Memorial Cemetery in Monee. Memorials may be made to the Glenwood Home for Boys and Girls, 500 W. 187th St., Glenwood, IL 60425, or to Bible Witness Camp in Pembroke. Mr. Benson was born in Torekov, Sweden, on May 27, 1909 to Anton and Josephina Benson. He and his family immigrated to the United States when he was 6 years old, settling in Mokena. In 1930 he married the former Florence Warning, who died in 1962. He subsequently married the former Cornelia Carr, who died in 2002. His career began at age 14 as a bookkeeper for a local lumber company. Later, he worked for Joliet Lumber & Supply Co. in Joliet, until 1935, at which time he joined Home Lumber & Supply of Rockford. He became general manager and remained in that capacity until 1950 when he acquired a majority interest in Security Lumber & Supply, Bradley. Subsequently, he became sole owner in 1953. Through the years he formed several businesses, including Security Steel Supply Co. of Kankakee, Security Builders Supply in Oswego and Rockford, and Security Door and Hardware, Urbana and Springfield. To the end, he followed the activities of the family business interests. He was a member of the Bradley Lions, the Masonic Order, the Shriners, Kankakee Country Club, Vero Beach Yacht Club, the

Congregational Church and a life member of Kankakee Elks Lodge No. 627. He is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Carroll Benson of Rockford; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Nancy Benson of Bourbonnais, Ronald Benson of Bradley, Russell and Sandra Benson of Kankakee; one stepson, Fred and Kathy Carr of Virginia Beach, Va.; six grandchildren, Edwin A. Benson II of Kankakee, Lisa Benson of Barrington, Edith (Scott) Beaver of Rockford, David (Rose) Benson of Bradley, Chris (Rosemarie) Benson of Bourbonnais, and Curtis (Julie) Benson of Stoughton, Wis. He has 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by three stepgrandchildren, Michael Schale, Colleen Jones, and Sherri (Vince) Paulaskis; and several stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Arthur and Olander; sister, Bertha Swanson; and stepdaughter, Denyse King. He was deeply respected and an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Ron, Russ, & Roger*  
*It is with deep regret that we heard about your father. ĩ½Ed will be in our <br><br>prayers as will the family he leaves.<br><br>Bradley and the Lovell family Will be <br><br>ever grateful for his contributions to<br><br>us. ĩ½<br><br>Paul & Norma Lovell###imported-begin##Paul & Norma Lovell###imported-end##*

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“ *I had the greatest admiration for him and enjoyed working for and with him over the years. ĩ½He was a very fair man to work for and treated me with the utmost respect. <br><br>###imported-begin##Bob McWilliams###imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy.###imported-begin##Becky Posing Erickson###imported-end##*

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“ To Roger and Fred;  
  
  
  
I'm very sorry for your loss, you have my deepest sympathy. I know words can never express adequate comfort in times such as this. I am honored to have known both of you fine men, and am sure that Edwin was instrumental in forming your characters.   
##imported-begin##Ron Rimi##imported-end##

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“ Curt & Julie  
  
Sorry to hear of your loss, years take us all miles apart. Hope all is well with your family.   
##imported-begin##Doug Schnell##imported-end##

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“ We send our sympathy to you on the loss of your father. May you find peace and joy in the memories that he has left you.   
##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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“ Dave, Ron, Russ, Roger  
  
  
  
I am so soory for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy. I did not have the pleasure of meeting  
  
Grandpa Benson. I know he had to be very special and a great influence to  
  
have the 3 R's and Dave admire him so!  
  
  
  
God Bless The Benson Family  
  
##imported-begin##Mrs Bill Warburton, Sr.. ( Jean )##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the Murry family I would like to pass on our condolences to the entire Benson family on the passing of Mr. Benson. ½My mother and father, both who have passed, were good friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Benson. ½As a young man, I can recall having several conversations with Mr. Benson when they attended parties at my parents home. ½Most of these discussions pertained to what I should do with my future and his advise for same. ½He was a sincere gentlemen and a wise business man. ½He will be missed. <br><br><br>##imported-begin##Bill Murry##imported-end##

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“ Russ,<br><br>I never knew your dad but knowing you has been a pleasure. Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. ½Best of wishes.<br><br>Jerry and Henri Lyday##imported-begin##Jerry Lyday##imported-end##

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“ To all our friends at Security Lumber, please accept our deepest sympathy. ½Grandpa Benson truly seemed to live a remarkable life based on his family and life contributions.<br><br><br><br>Atlas Components, Inc.<br><br><br><br>Mike Karceski<br><br>Teresa Hill<br><br>J Ryan<br><br>Karl Ropp<br><br>Tina Fiser<br><br>Karen Pearson<br><br>Mike Murray<br><br>Mark Brimmer##imported-begin##Teresa Hill##imported-end##

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“ *With memories of my mentor and partner, we offer our condolences to the family of Ed Benson.##imported-begin##Donald & Jenora Demers##imported-end##*

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