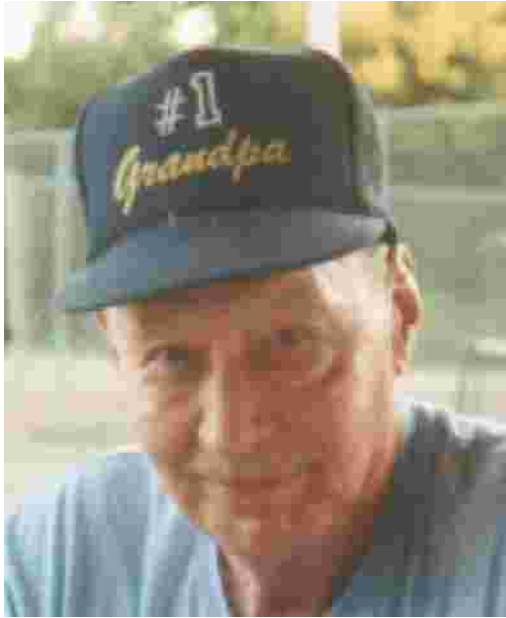


## Leonard Stockman



[December 30, 2009](#) DAVENPORT — Leonard “Ben” Stockman, 88, of Davenport, went peacefully to meet the Lord on Sunday, December 27, 2009. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Davenport. The family will greet friends one hour prior to service time in the Gathering Space. Cunnick-Collins Mortuary and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

Leonard Francis Stockman was born in Iowa City on December 17, 1921, to Albert John and Lucy Mary (Kaplan) Stockman. Ben grew up on a farm in Johnson County with his parents and 11 siblings. In 1940, Ben entered the U.S. Navy and served for six years. He served on the high seas on supply and troop ships, U.S.S. Yorktown, W.W. Burrows, and Storm King in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in

August 1946 with the rank of Chief Storekeeper AA. While in the service Ben met and later married Evelyn on November 25, 1946, at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on April 13, 2009. Ben worked various jobs before he became a crane operator for the Rock Island Arsenal. He retired in 1978.

After retirement he became a full time grandpa. He assumed the roles of chauffeur, gardener, builder and all around handyman. Family was his main priority and he later became known as “Grampie” by his eight great-grandchildren. Ben was a “meat and potatoes” guy but his most recent favorite was any kind of chocolate. He always had chocolate out waiting for his visitors. Those left to honor his memory include daughters and spouses, Suzanne and Steve O’Brien, Karryn and Randy Roper, and Kathryn and Dan Liedtke; grandchildren, spouses, and great-grandchildren, Anne, Joseph, Isabella, Sophia, and Joseph Jr. Tensley, Erin, Doug, Madeline, Spencer, Jillian, and Connor Darland, and Steve, Sarah, and Hannah O’Brien; sister Marion and brother, John; “sisters” Joan Borbely and Jean Calkins; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, Ben was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, Joseph, Bill, Ray, Bob, Paul, Esther, Helen, Lucille and Agnes, and an infant great-grandson, Carter Darland.

He was always the first person to offer his help and he will be truly missed. His love and sense of humor will live on in the hearts and actions of all who loved him. May he rest in peace.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or St. Paul’s Church in memory of Ben and Evelyn.