

Richard Francis Benham, 77, of 73 Paul Ave. died Sunday morning at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in Fort Edward, N.Y., on July 4, 1927, son of Enos and Laura Paquette Benham, he was educated in New York State schools.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served from 1944 to 1946.

He and his wife, the former Rosaline "Cookie" Cornellier, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Oct. 9. They were married in Notre Dame Church.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Linda Rando of Richmond, Paula J. McLean of Pittsfield and Michelle Moran of Scotia, N.Y.; two brothers, Arthur L. Benham of Pittsfield and Roger Benham of Liverpool, N.Y.; three granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter. Mr. Benham also leaves three granddaughters, Amy and Lisa Rando, and Trinity Raifstanger, and a great-granddaughter, Olivia Rose Raifstanger.