

BERTRAND, RALPH BENJAMIN

Birth

June 21, 1900 near Cumming,
Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa



Death

July 31, 1983 at Riverview Manor
Convalescent & Nursing Home,
Des Moines, Iowa



Ray and Ralph Bertrand

Cause of Death

Heart Ailment

Cemetery Lot

Lot 100
Lot was purchased by Ralph
Bertrand on October 16, 1934

Father

Samuel Francis Bertrand

Mother

Laura Mildred Tilton

Marriage

Ralph married 1st to Mildred Law

Return of marriage to Clerk of District Court
Polk Co., Iowa
77-13466
No. 120
Ralph Benjamin Bertrand
Residence: Norwalk, Iowa
Occupation: Dairyman
Age next birthday: 25
Place of birth: Commerce, Iowa
Father: Sam F. Bertrand

Mother: Laura Tilton
1st marriage

Married
July 12, 1924
Des Moines, Iowa

Mildred Ione Law
Residence: Troy, Iowa
Age next birthday: 25
1st marriage
Father: V. L. Law
Mother: Hattie Della Bishop
Witnesses: Ray Bertrand and Louise Bertrand
Minister: H. D. Glassburn, M.E. Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Ralph Benjamin Bertrand married 2nd to Helen Grace Romans June 9, 1930

Return of marriage to Clerk of District Court
Polk Co., Iowa
77-913694
No 101

Ralph B. Bertrand
Residence: 121 Paton, Des Moines, Iowa
Occupation: Barber
Age next birthday: 29
Place of birth: Commerce, Iowa
2nd marriage
Father: Samuel Bertrand
Mother: Laura Tilton

Married
June 9, 1930
Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Helen Grace Romans
Residence: 2903 W. Sheridan, Des Moines, Iowa
Age next birthday: 19
Place of birth: Mitchellville, Iowa
1st marriage
Father: Frank Romans
Mother: Sarah Siegel
Witnesses: F. G. Boatwright and Mrs. Boatwright
Minister: Louis G. Krebs, Lutheran Minister

Census

1900 – Walnut Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 110; Page 24; line 21; June 27, 1900

Dwelling 495; Family 509

Bertrand, Samuel	40	coal merchant Married 17 years Born January 1860	Belgium			
Laura	35	9 children; 8 living Born June 1865	OH	OH	OH	
Nora	16	Born February 1884	IA	BELG	OH	
Orrin	14	Born April 1886	IA	BELG	OH	
Aphie	12	Born February 1888	IA	BELG	OH	
Joseph	09	Born February 1891	IA	BELG	OH	
Sylena	07	Born January 1893	IA	BELG	OH	
Mary	05	Born November 1894	IA	BELG	OH	
Ray	001/2	Born May 1900	IA	BELG	OH	
Ralph	001/2	Born May 1900	IA	BELG	OH	
Tilton, Lafayette	27	partner Born March 1863	IA	OH	OH	

1905 –

1910 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED206; Page 4B; May 4, 1910

Dwelling 196; Family 197

Bertrand, Samuel	50	farmer To US in 1870	BELG	BELG	BELG	
Laura	45	12 children; 10 living	OH	OH	OH	
Joseph	19		IA	BELG	OH	
Sylina	17		IA	BELG	OH	
Mary	15		IA	BELG	OH	
Ray	09		IA	BELG	OH	
Ralph	09		IA	BELG	OH	
Naomi	04		IA	BELG	OH	
Ruth	02		IA	BELG	OH	

1915 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; Post Office, Norwalk, Iowa
Card #412

Bertrand, Ralph 14 IA BELG OH

1920 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 212; Page 1A; January 2, 1920
Dwelling 4; Family 4

Bertrand, Samuel F.	59	farmer; to US in 1872	BELG	BELG	BELG
Laura M.	55		OH	OH	OH
Ray T.	19		IA	BELG	OH
Ralph B.	19		IA	BELG	OH
Naomi M.	15		IA	BELG	OH
Ruth P.	12		IA	BELG	OH
Tilton, Theodore J.	82	Wd; father-in-law	OH	MA	VT

1925 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; Book 18; line 129

Bertrand, S. F.	65	head	BELG	BELG	BELG
		Father, Frank Bertrand			
		Mother, Catherin Rocka			
Laura	61	wife	OH	OH	OH
		Father, Theodore Tilton			
		Mother, F. M. Wheller			
Ruth	16	daughter	IA	BELG	OH
		Father, S. F. Bertrand			
		Mother, L. M. Tilton			
Ralph	23		IA	BELG	OH
		Father, S. F. Bertrand, born in Belgium, age 65			
		Mother, L. M. Tilton, born in Ohio, age 67			
Mildred	24	wife	IA	OH	IA
		Father, V. R. Law, born in Ohio, age 65			
		Mother, Hattie Bishop, born in Iowa, age 64			
		V. R. and Hattie were married in Iowa			
Ray	23	head	IA	BELG	OH
		Father, S. F. Bertrand			
		Mother, L. M. Tilton			
Luise	20	wife	IA	—	—
		Adopted child			
Yvone	01	granddaughter	IA	IA	—
		Father, Ray Bertrand			
		Mother, Banks			

1930 – Bloomfield Twp., Fort Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; ED77-93; Page 41B; May 2, 1930
Address: 112 Payton St., Fort Des Moines, Iowa

Dwelling 999; Family 999

Bertrand, Samuel	70	head	BELG	BELG	BELG
		shop mechanic			
		Immigrated to US in 1872			
Laura M.	65	wife	OH	OH	OH
Ray T	29	son barber shop	IA	BELG	OH

Ralph	29	son	barber shop	IA	BELG OH
Ruth	22	dau	stenographer	IA	BELG OH
Yvonne	06	granddaughter		IA	BELG OH

1940 – Ward 8, Des Moines, Lee Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED100-143B; Page 4B; April 19, 1940
 #82 – Rent; Value, \$15.00; Same place; Address: 1258 E. 22nd St., Des Moines, IA

Bertrand, Ralph B.	39	Policeman, Parks Dept.	IA
Helen G.	28		IA
Jack R.	09		IA
Larry J.	08		IA
Eugene F.	00 4/12		IA

WWI Draft Card Registration

Date of Registration: September 12, 1918
 Serial No. 101
 Order No. 66

Ralph Benjamin Bertrand
 Residence: Norwalk, Warren Co., Iowa
 Date of birth: June 21, 1900
 Age: 18
 Occupation: Farmer
 Employers name: S. F. Bertrand, Warren Co., Iowa
 Nearest relative: S. F. Bertrand, Warren Co., Iowa
 Height: Tall
 Build: Medium
 Color of eyes: Light brown
 Color of hair: Dark brown

WWII Draft Card Registration

Date of Registration: February 16, 1942
 Registration place: Iowa

Ralph Benjamin Bertrand
 Date of birth: June 21, 1900
 Age: 41
 Place of birth: Commerce, Iowa
 Employer: Art Daniele City Hall
 Weight: 170
 Complexion: Dark
 Color of eyes: Brown
 Color of hair: Brown
 Height: 5' 11"
 Next of Kin: Helen Bertrand (wife)

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Wednesday August 3, 1983, page 7M]

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Southtown Funeral Home for Ralph B. Bertrand, 83, of Riverview Manor Convalescent and Nursing Home, 701 Riverview Ave., who died of a heart ailment Sunday at the home. Burial will be in PleasantRidgeCemetery in Orilla.

Mr. Bertrand was born in Cumming and lived in Des Moines 62 years. He was a retired Rock Island Lines railroad engineer and was a member of Norwalk Christian Church and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; three sons, Don and Ronald, both of Des Moines, and Eugene of Woodward; a daughter, Linda Anderson of Des Moines; three sisters, Ruth Reynolds of Waterloo, Neoma Brown of North Hollywood, California and Mary Breeding of Vincennes, Indiana, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home.