

He was instrumental in the acquisition and development of Grinnell College's Conard Environmental Research Area, a place he felt passionate about and where there is a laboratory named in his honor.

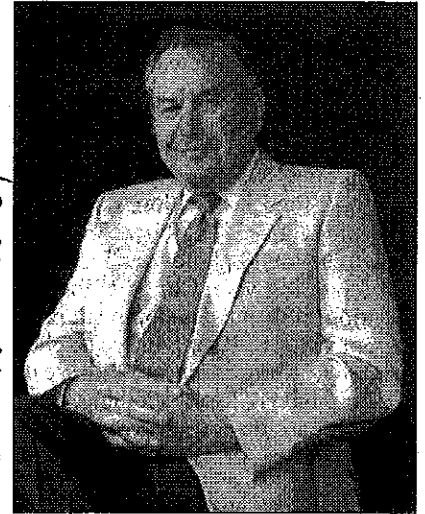
Ben married Susanne Mallard in Sumter, S.C., on June 14, 1947, and the couple had four children. Ben served as Captain in the U.S. Army's 34th and 88th Infantry Divisions during WWII. He was recalled in 1951 serving as Company Commander at OCS in Fort Benning, Ga.

He was very active in the Grinnell community, where he served on the Grinnell city council and on the city park board. He was a life-time member of Kiwanis.

Ben also belonged to many professional organizations, and served as director of the Iowa Academy of Science from 1981-1983.

Ben is survived by his wife; four children, Ben of Maryville, Mo., Anne Suggs of Cedar Rapids, David of Ridgewood, NJ, and Jamie of Minneapolis, Minn.; three grandchildren; and a step-granddaughter and three step-great-granddaughters.

## Benjamin F. Graham



Benjamin Franklin Graham, Jr., 89, died Nov. 13, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Grinnell College's Herrick Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Haas presiding.

Online condolences may be sent to [smithfh.com](http://smithfh.com). The family has requested that memorials be made to Grinnell's Drake Community Library or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

In keeping with the essence of his life as a scientist, Ben bequeathed his body to the University of Iowa School of Medicine.

Ben was born Sept. 24, 1920, in Milton, Mass., to Benjamin F. and Jennie Nelson Graham. He received his BS and MS in botany from the University of Maine where he served as chairman of the biology department. He did further graduate study in forestry, receiving his Ph.D in botany from Duke University. Ben's teaching career took him to Miami (Ohio) University and Dartmouth College before coming to Grinnell College in 1959. He taught in Grinnell's biology department for 32 years.