



**POST CODE:** B63 2UP

**ADDRESS:** Cradley Cemetery, Homer Hill Road, Cradley

**GPS Location:** N. 52.4642005 W. -2.0896852

**Memorial Location:** In former non-conformist section

## STEVENS Benjamin

Pvt 4038277 Hford Rgt, Kings Shrop Light Infantry [10-09-1944] 31y

Ben Stevens was born in Cradley and was the son of Levi and Mary Ann Stevens.

Having enlisted into the Herefordshire Regiment which landed on Queen beach near Hermanville-sur-Mer on "D-Day", 6th June 1944 as part of the invasion force. His battalion took part in the capture of Caen and of Manneville before going on to fight its way across the Seine in September 1944. More heavy fighting took place on the fringes of the Reichswald Forest and at Venray and Overloon in Holland.

In ever-lasting remembrance  
of my dear brother Ben  
reported died of wounds  
in Sept 1944 (Belgium).

"Always happy, smiling, content,  
Loved and respected wherever he went.  
Always thoughtful, loving and kind  
What a beautiful memory to leave behind;  
His last faint words I would like to have heard,  
And breathed in his ear a last loving word."

Deeply mourned by his sister  
Minnie, Les and Barbara.  
Memorial service, Oct 8, Bethesda Methodist.

Ben Stevens died of wounds  
received in Belgium on September  
10<sup>th</sup>, 1944 and is remembered on the  
Leopoldsborg War Memorial.

There is also an inscription to him on  
his parents grave in Cradley  
Cemetery which reads:

