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A graveside service and burial for Mr. Morton was held November 15, at the Guernsey Cemetery, with the Rev. Reva Rimmer, pastor of the New Covenant Parish, Guernsey Methodist Church, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Elbert Morton Memorial Fund.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell handled the arrangements.

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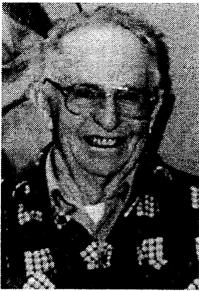
returned to Guernsey after his discharge in 1945.

He married Alice Laurine Heller on August 25, 1941, in Unionville, Missouri. He was employed at the Guernsey Elevator for 19 years, and he later worked for the Iowa Department of Agriculture as a meat inspector for Jasper, Marshall, Poweshiek and Iowa counties. He retired in 1982. He was an active member of the Guernsey Methodist Church.

Survivors include seven children, Larry Morton of Grinnell, Paul Morton of Cedar Rapids, John and Tom Morton, both of Guernsey, Joy Douglas of Brooklyn, James Morton of Victor, and Mary Steele of Grinnell; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

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