



John E. Morton

January 2, 1929 - January 11, 2025

John Edward Morton, 96, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at his home in Auburn, Indiana. He was born in Boone County, Indiana on January 2, 1929, one of nine children to the late William Andrew and Carrie Brigham (Wiley) Morton.

On March 28, 1952, he was united in marriage to Grace Kathryn (Gibbs) Morton, in Elizaville, Indiana. She preceded him in death on September 22, 2005, after sharing 53 loving years together.

John was a 1947 graduate of Kirklin High School. He participated in sports as the demands of farm chores permitted. He was proud of his role in the senior play.

John served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1951 to 1954. He was wounded in combat in Korea. Both his survival and recovery include multiple miracles. His awards of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and Presidential Unit Citation were of particular significance from his military service.

Upon his return from military service, John was self-employed until retirement as a farmer in Boone County. He loved the land and his agricultural heritage. Having been raised during the Great Depression, John developed a love for

the reliability and efficiency of modern equipment. He was skillful with tools. When equipment broke, neighboring farmers would bring it by for welding. He built several of his own farm buildings and additions to his home.

John was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon. He had formerly been a member of Salem (Mud Creek) United Presbyterian Church. He was very active in both congregations, serving as an elder and on various boards and committees. He served as the congregation's construction liaison for a major restoration/renovation of First Presbyterian.

He also served as construction liaison for a major restoration/renovation of the Carnegie Library in Lebanon.

In 2007, following the death of Grace in 2005, he moved to the Auburn area to be closer to family.

John enjoyed traveling, sports, gardening, creating things with his hands and hunting, and in his youth, motorcycles and ice skating. Stemming from his hands-on experiences he always loved horses, especially work horses, and antique tractors. He had a strong interest in his family's history and genealogy. He shared his family's love of all ice cream, and especially home-made ice cream. He had many life-long friendships.

John was a loving and involved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle who will be greatly missed. He rarely missed a family event or gathering. He took especially great pleasure in the annual 4th of July reunions that had continued uninterrupted in his extended family for generations.

Above all, John loved God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He understood that God alone was the Lord of his conscience and Jesus was his Savior. John

would hope and pray that all who read this obituary will have the peace and rest he is enjoying now!

Survivors include two sons and their spouses, Ramon E. and Darcy K. Morton of Hometown, IN, and Warren J. and Irene S. Morton of Loveland, CO; five grandchildren, Shannon (Brandon) Greenwood of Yucca Valley, CA, William (Amanda) Morton of Frederick, CO, Andrew (Mary) Morton of Ossian, IN, John (Karin) Morton of Knoxville, TN, and Laura (Ken) Smith of Holland, MI; twelve great grandchildren, Brooklynn Chamberlain, Hunter Henschke, Jadyn Greenwood, Nikai Morton, Mikah Morton, Matthias Morton, Peter Morton, Cornelius Morton, Leah Morton, Maddyx Morton, Hazel Morton and Jay Morton; a great-great grandson on the way, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was preceded in death by an infant son, Harold Andrew Morton; and siblings: S. Doris (Irvin) Bryan, Esther L. Morton, Hugh V. (Jeanice) Morton, Leah M. (Jack) Teed, Edna G. (Harold) Frizzell, Julia M. (Emmett) Curts, Mabel L. (Francis) Murphy, and Lois E. (Orville) Himes.

Visitation is planned for Friday, January 17, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Funeral Services with Military Rites will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 128 East Main Street, in Lebanon, at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, January 18, 2025, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow services at Mud Creek Cemetery near Elizaville, Indiana. Services will be officiated by Pastors Je M. Lee and Andrew T. Morton.

The funeral service will be live steamed at <https://youtube.com/live/e1K2iNVnaRA?feature=share>

Memorials may be directed in his memory to First Presbyterian Church, the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Wheeler Mission (Indianapolis).

Cemetery Details

Mud Creek Cemetery

750 North 400 East
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-0620
office@myersmortuary.com
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
128 East Main Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
128 East Main Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Linda M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Morton.

Linda M. - January 19, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CG

“ Dear Family of John Morton,
Both Grace and John were good friends of mine and are truly missed. What pride in them you must feel as you consider their legacies. Just knowing them was a blessing. My thoughts and prayers remain with your family.
Cyndy Gibbs

Cyndy Gibbs - January 18, 2025 at 09:22 AM

LT

“ Lois Ann Teed-Gillen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John E. Morton.



Lois Ann Teed-Gillen - January 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LT

“ Lois Ann Teed-Gillen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Morton.

Lois Ann Teed-Gillen - January 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

RF

“ Rudy Gibbs and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John E. Morton.



Rudy Gibbs and family - January 17, 2025 at 06:53 AM

RF

“ Rudy Gibbs and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Morton.

Rudy Gibbs and family - January 17, 2025 at 06:53 AM

BS

“ Brent, Tony, Kelsey, Angie, Dale, Sandi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John E. Morton.



Brent, Tony, Kelsey, Angie, Dale, Sandi - January 17, 2025 at 06:35 AM

PE

“ John was immensely proud of his family. He was especially proud of his grandson Andrew who became a pastor. John spoke often of surviving his life threatening injuries in the Korean War. He was a man who knew not to take a day of living for granted. He lived his long life faithfully and gratefully. May he be remembered as beloved by all and most of all by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 🙏

Peter - January 16, 2025 at 10:49 PM

BM

“ *Brad and Susan Morton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John E. Morton.*



Brad and Susan Morton - January 16, 2025 at 06:47 PM

PG

“ *I have several memories of John (& Grace) from over the years. Growing up, John's family was a neighbor to my grandparents, Bill & Verna Mullikin & their family. Grace taught me in VBS at Mud Creek Church. I've lived in "Grandma's house" for several years and John was always glad to share memories of my grandparents from his younger years. He gave me a quilt square that had Verna's signature embroidered on it that was supposed to be put with many other signatures from his mother's time (I think) that was going to be made into a quilt for some reason. He'd found it and thought I'd like to have it. I have it framed in my house now. He gave me many memories of my family!*
Pat (Mullikin) Garland

Pat Garland - January 16, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E. Morton.*



January 15, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John E. Morton.



January 15, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John E. Morton.

January 15, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John E. Morton.



January 15, 2025 at 03:15 PM



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“ *Condolences to the family of our longtime friend.*

*Delbert and Marilyn Davis
Lexington, SC*

Delbert Davis Jr - January 15, 2025 at 09:41 AM