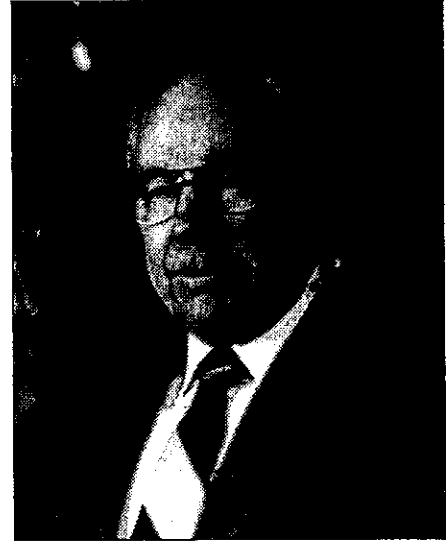


## Lavern Morrison <sup>6H-R</sup> 5-13-2013

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Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00 Monday evening.

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Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Grinnell; two children, Dave (Becky) Morrison of Elizabeth, Colorado and Marla (Jeff) Inks of Ankeny; a granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer Morrison Godshalk of Castle Rock, Colorado; and three great-grandchildren, Jenna, Jessica and Jeremiah Morrison. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William Morrison; two sisters, Marjorie Morrison and Darlene Hull; and one grandson, Jason Morrison.

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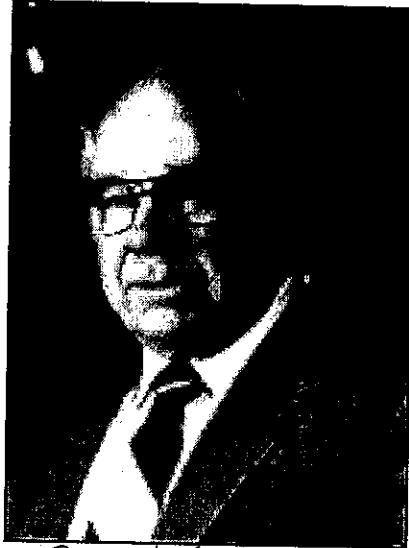
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*Record 5-16-2013*  
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