

Elaine Gaer, 69

Nov. 2, 1922 - Oct. 23, 1992

HARLAN — Elaine Emma Gaer, daughter of Julius and Alvena (Kuchel) Andresen was born Nov. 2, 1922, near Manning in Crawford county. Later, the family moved to Irwin where she attended first grade. In 1928, they moved to Harlan, where she attended grade school and high school, graduating in 1941. After high school, she taught rural schools in Polk and Jefferson Twps., and worked in Omaha and CA., during WW II.

Dec. 16, 1945, she married Howard Gaer at the Harlan Church of Christ. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Irwin for 42 years. Nov. of 1987, they moved to their present home in Harlan. She died Oct. 23, 1992, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 69 years, 11 months and 21 days. She was a member of the Harlan Church of Christ, and was a charter member of the Jefferson Friendly Club, her neighborhood club.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Howard Gaer of Harlan; her children, Carolyn Kay (Gregg) Schneider of Omaha, NE.; Merlyn (Charlotte) Gaer of Springfield, MO.; Glenda (Todd) Slinger of Co. Bluffs; Dale Gaer of Harlan; and Kira Gaer of Omaha; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother, Virgil Andresen (Audrey) of Creston; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26, 1992 at Pauley Funeral Home with Roy North of the Harlan Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Jon Andresen, Mike Andresen, Tim Foglesong, H. Leo Madsen, Elwood Christensen, and Daryl Christensen casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.