



Loretta Peerman Gaer, 74

Oct. 24, 1917 — June 28, 1992

HARLAN — Loretta Peerman Gaer, daughter of John and Carrie (Fiscus) Peerman was born Oct. 24, 1917, on a farm near Defiance. She died June 28, 1992, at the Marian Health Center in Sioux City, at age 74 years, eight months, and four days. She attended country school in Shelby county. She grew to adulthood in her parents home, helping to care for them.

April 28, 1942, she married Cavender Gaer of Harlan. After

their marriage, they lived in Harlan, for a short time where they operated a hamburger shop until Cavender entered the U.S. Army. During WW II, she made her home in Des Moines where she was employed in the cafeteria of the Solar Aircraft Company. In 1946, they moved to Cumberland, where their son, Douglas was born. She stayed at home to raise her son for several years before being employed as a cook in the Cumberland School system. In 1966, they moved to Des Moines, where she worked for Younker's Dept. Stores where she managed the China Dept., retiring in 1980. In 1982, they moved to Spirit Lake, to enjoy their retirement years. They had recently purchased a home in Harlan, and had planned to move into it during the first week of July, 1992.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Harold; three sisters, Beulah Brink, Lois Kenyon, and Cora Peerman. Surviving is her husband, Cavender Gaer of Harlan; a son, Douglas (Dixie) Gaer of Lincoln, NE.; four grandchildren; two sisters, Eva Kloewer of Harlan, and Fern Eblen of Cumberland; a brother, Dale Peerman of Sacramento, CA.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 1, 1992, at Pauley Funeral Home with Roy North of the Harlan Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Don Kloewer honorary casket-bearer. Casketbearers were Jack Cook, Bert Lehan, Bob Kloewer, Bob Dotzler, Wayne Denham, John Kloewer, and Gene Richards. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.