

Harold Gaer, 67 ✓

March 13, 1938 - Dec. 23, 2005

HARLAN — Harold Laverne Gaer, was born March 13, 1938, to Alfred Laver and Mabel Taylor, in the Redline Community, Shelby County. He attended grade school at Redline and then attended Oakland Schools, graduating with the class of 1958.

June 22, 1958, Harold married Pat White at Oakland. After their marriage, they went to California and he worked for the State Highway Department until 1968. Two children were born to this union, Becky and Kathy. They then returned to Harlan where he worked for REC for twenty-two years. They managed the La Quinta Inns for ten years, returning at last to Harlan in 1998. He began managing the Westridge Apartments in Harlan, until 2004, when his health began to fail. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Harlan. He died Dec. 23, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 67 years, nine months and 10 days.



In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his adopted father, Lawrence. Survivors include his wife, Pat of Harlan; his children, Becky Gaer of Harlan; Kathy (Dave) Schwery of Harlan; two grandchildren, Melissa Schwery and her fiancé, Steve Nichols of Omaha, NE and Amanda Schwery of Harlan; half brothers and sisters, Allen Gaer (Susan) of McCormick, SC; Kenneth Laver and (Kathy) of Newton; Donna (Robert) Thomason of Monroe; Susan Mettler of Newton; his aunts, Doris Gaer of Ankeny; Alice Chamberlain of Des Moines and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Dec. 24, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Roy North officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Klein, Arlo Petersen, Jim Larsen, Terry Gaer, Stan Gaer, Gene Gaer, Verle Doonan, Tom Gaer, Lyle Petersen, and Donald Dean Doonan. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.