

Paul Gaer, 82

Dec. 19, 1915 - June 10, 1998

KEARNEY, NE - Paul Gaer was born Dec. 19, 1915, to P.S. and Rozzie (Hon) Gaer in Kirkman. He graduated from high school in Harlan in 1935. In 1941, he received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. May 4, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was discharged Nov. 29, 1945.

Oct. 6, 1944, he married Viola Julius. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Southern California in 1947, and in 1956 received a doctorate from the University of Wyoming at Laramie, WY. From 1961 until retiring in 1980, he taught at Kearney State College. He was a member of the church and the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Emeriti Faculty. He died June 10, 1998, at Mount Carmel Home in Kearney, where he had lived for seven months.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Viola of Kearney; daughters, Julia Larson of Gering, NE, and Mary Bell, Kearney; brother, Jay, Denver; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Victor Julius (Ruth) of Harlan, and other relatives.

Services were held June 13, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Kearney, with the Rev. Stan Murdoch officiating. Burial was in the Kearney Cemetery.
