

Warren N. Gaer, 84 ✓

Feb. 7, 1912 - Jan. 13, 1997

ATLANTIC - Warren Nelson Gaer, 84, of Atlantic, died Jan. 13, 1997, at the Heritage House. He was a resident at 1100 Brookridge Circle. The son of P.S. and Rozzie Hon Gaer, he was born Feb. 7, 1912, in Lake Park. The family moved to Harlan where he graduated from the Harlan High School. He got his B.A. from Drake University and he attended Northwestern University.

He married Martha Houston June 4, 1946, in Los Angeles, CA. He coached at two different high schools and then moved to Malibu, CA, where he started the football program at Pepperdine University for three years. They moved back to Iowa where he was the head coach at Drake University for 12 years. Following his coaching career, he was employed at Walnut Grove for 14 years as Director of Personnel. He was a member of Redline Church of Christ, a longtime secretary of the Atlantic Rotary Club, Iowa High School Football Coaches Association, charter member of Iowa High School Coaches Hall of Fame, Drake University Double "D" Award, Drake National Alumni Association Centennial Award and Pepperdine University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was on the first Board of Directors of Iowa Western Community College.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters and two brothers. Surviving are his wife, Martha of Atlantic; two sons, Kent Gaer (Joann) of West Des Moines and Douglas Gaer of Phoenix, AZ and three grandsons; two brothers, Dr. Paul Gaer of Kearney, NE and Jay Gaer of Littleton, CO.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 1997, at the Roland Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Wright of the Redline Church of Christ of Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery near Harlan.