

## Eugene Gaer, 88

Oct. 16, 1921 - Jan. 3, 2010

**HARLAN** — Eugene Albert Gaer, the only child of Lloyd Albert and Grace Laura (Comstock) Gaer, was born on October 16, 1921, in Polk Township, near Kirkman. He attended Polk #9 country school through the eighth grade and then helped his father on the farm.

October 6, 1946, in Harlan, Gene married Marjorie Ann Welch. Gene was a hard worker who drove the school bus for Irwin/Kirkman, worked for LeRoy Anastasi Plumbing and Heating, and later, Wigness Machine Shop. For 29 years, he drove a road grader for Shelby County. Gene was a member of the Redline Church of Christ. He loved his family and fixing old bikes for his grandkids. Gene enjoyed watching sports, bowling, and pitching horseshoes. He also enjoyed helping his son, Tom, on building projects. Gene A. Gaer died on Sunday, January 3, 2010, at his home in Harlan, at the age of 88 years, 2 months, and 18 days.



Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marjorie Gaer, on September 21, 1985; and one daughter, Sharon Morton. He is survived by one son, Tom (Dianna) Gaer of Irwin; one son-in-law, Michael Morton of Newton, KS; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, with Roy North of the Redline Church of Christ officiating. Serving as casket bearers were Greg Gaer, David Sears, Alan Morton, Hal Youngkin, Justin Pearce, and Andrew Morton. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery in rural Shelby County. Memorials may be made to Myrtue Medical Center Hospice. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).

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