

## Lawrence Gaer, 87 ✓

*Oct. 12, 1918 - Nov. 29, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Lawrence Leonard Gaer, son of LeRoy and Clara Kirby Gaer, was born Oct. 12, 1918 at Kirkman. He attended country school in the Redline community area. After school, he drilled wells with his father and also farmed some.

Jan. 12, 1944, Lawrence married Mabel O. Taylor in Omaha, NE. They were the parents of two sons, Harold and Allen. After their marriage, they operated the Redline Store for a while. He later attended barber school and then he and Mabel moved to Oakland where he owned and operated a barber shop, until 1961, when they moved to California. They operated motels while they resided in California. In 1986, they retired to Conway, AR. Mabel died Feb. 20, 1996. After her death, Lawrence moved to Harlan, to be closer to his family. Oct. 25, 2005, he became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He died Nov. 29, 2005; at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, one month and 17 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Mabel, Lawrence was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Grace Petersen, Elma Doonan, Everett Gaer, and Merle Gaer. Survivors include his children, Harold Gaer (Pat) of Harlan; Allen Gaer (Susan) of McCormick, SC; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Doris Gaer of Ankeny and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Roy North officiating. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery in rural Shelby County, with Terry Gaer, Gene Gaer, Arlo Petersen and Donald Dean Doonan honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tom Gaer, Ron Ronfeldt, Greg Gaer, Lyle Petersen, Stan Gaer, and Verle Doonan.

