

William Russell Gaer, 70

William Russell Gaer, son of Cavendar and Isabell Hanson Gaer, was born Jan. 3, 1912, in Redline. He was baptized as a young man into the Church of Christ in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan and after school, he was employed in the Harlan area doing various jobs.

On May 5, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve his country as a Technician Fifth Grade overseas during World War II. After receiving his honorable discharge on Dec. 11, 1945, he moved to Calif. where he was employed by Arrowhead Water Company for the next 15 years. He then worked for the Los Angeles Water Department for over 20 years. After retiring five years ago, Russ continued to make his home in Los Angeles. He died at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 2, 1982 at the age of 70.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one half brother, Adolph. He is survived by two brothers, Cortland of San Diego, Calif. and Cavendar of Des Moines; one sister, Clementine (Mrs Howard) Wilson of Santa Ana, Calif.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, June 5, 1982 with Randy McGinnis of the Church of Christ in Harlan officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Cortland Gaer, Cavendar Gaer, Douglas F. Gaer, Howard Gaer, Gary L. Christensen and Daryl Jon Christensen serving as casketbearers and Lester Gaer serving as an honorary casketbearer.

Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by the V.F.W. Post No. 941 of Harlan.