

Dale Lee Gaer, 36

Aug. 27, 1958 - June 28, 1995

Irwin - Dale Lee Gaer, son of Howard and Elaine (Andresen) Gaer, was born Aug. 27, 1958 at Harlan. He died June 8, 1995 at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha at age 36 years, 9 months and 12 days. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1976. After graduating he began trucking for some local firms. Later he owned his own truck and drove cross country. For several years he made his home in Phoenix, AZ. He became very sick in Sept. of 1992 while driving through OR and spent over 2 months in intensive care at the Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland, OR. He moved back to Irwin to make his home. In a few months he was back on the road driving his 18-wheeler across country. May 18, 1995 he was admitted to UNMC where he died 3 weeks later.

He was preceded in death by his mother in Oct. 1992 and his sister, Kira, in Oct. 1993. Survivors include his father, Howard of Harlan; two sisters, Carolyn (Gregg) Schneider of Omaha, and Glenda (Todd) Sliger of Co. Bluffs; one brother, Merlyn Gaer (Charlotte) of Nixa, MO; friend; Scott Shields of Irwin, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held at a later date at Oakhill Cemetery, rural Irwin.