

## Gerald "Jerry" Bair, 85

*March 10, 1919 - Nov. 7, 2004*

**ATLANTIC** — Gerald "Jerry" Bair was born March 10, 1919, to Otis and Alma (Poole) Bair near Shelby, and lived there until the age of seven when the family moved to St. Edward, NE. He graduated from the St. Edward High School in 1936.

Nov. 6, 1940, he married Mildred Schuster in Omaha, NE. They moved to Atlantic in December of 1945 where he managed the farm department of the Sears store for 11 years. In April of 1956, he purchased the Firestone store from Pat Pederson which he operated until he retired Jan. 1, 1984, when he sold it to Roger Anderson, a longtime employee. He died Nov. 7, 2004, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 85.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Margaret Webb; one daughter-in-law, Clarice Bair; and one grandson, Michael DeWitt. He is survived by his wife, Mildred of Atlantic; a daughter, Karen Klevos (Dan) of Atlantic; a son, Jack Bair of Hamden, CT; two grandchildren, Doug DeWitt of Phoenix, AZ and Kinsey Bair of Cheshire, CT; two great grandsons, Mike and Dustin DeWitt; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held Nov. 11, 2004, at the Shelby Cemetery followed by a memorial service at Roland Funeral Home with Pastor Don Seeger officiating from the First Presbyterian Church in Atlantic.