

Mabel Julia Kern, 97 —

SHELBY — Mabel Julia Kern was born in Neola, Oct. 20, 1892. She was the daughter of Watson and Edie Ransom Howland. She started her schooling in Neola, but the family moved to NE., where she completed the eighth grade. Her childhood years were spent in several communities in NE.

She married Charles Kern Feb. 9, 1916 in Shelby. They moved to their farm west of Shelby where they remained until they moved to their new home in Shelby in April of 1951. They were the parents of four children. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Shelby, the Women's Organizations of the church and was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she served in several offices of the Lodge. They were married for more than 67 years. Charlie died June 12, 1983. She continued to live in her own home in Shelby with the help of her family. She died at her home Oct. 15, 1990 at age 97 years, 11 months and 25 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles, and one son, Robert. Survivors include her children, Bonnie Paul of Shelby; Kenneth Kern (Darlene) of Shelby; Larry Kern (Christa) of Avoca; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Jean Flemming of Napa, CA.; one adopted brother, Charles (Ray) Howland, living in Hawaii, besides other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 1990 at the United Presbyterian Church in Shelby. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Dr. Robert Houser, United Church of Avoca, officiated. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.