

# Mrs Alice Bittle, 76

Shelby — Alice Elizabeth Bittle, daughter of John and Marie McKeown, was born on a farm near Bentley on Jan. 16, 1903. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1979 at age 76 years, one month and one day. Alice graduated from Harlan high school in 1921, after which she taught school in Botna and in Crescent, as well as in two rural schools near Harlan. She married Clarence E. Bittle in Denison at the Methodist parsonage on June 17, 1925 and they made their home in Harlan for nearly 50 years until they moved to Shelby in 1973. In 1975 Alice and Clarence celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Shelby, and enjoyed the gathering of many friends and relatives.

Mrs Bittle was an active member of the Shelby Methodist church, having transferred her membership from the Harlan Methodist church after moving to Shelby. She also belonged to the Lebanon Chapter of Eastern Star, No. 8, from which she recently received her 50-year membership. In addition, she was a member of the Harlan Garden club and the Shelby Federated club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lucille Best. Her survivors include her husband, Clarence and three daughters: Mrs Jean Dittmer of Shelby, Mrs Donna Farrell of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs Pat Gorton of Milwaukee, Wisc., by a brother, Ronald McKeown of Harlan; a sister, Eileen Thoreen of Lexington, Neb.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist church in Shelby on Monday, Feb. 19, 1979 with Pastor Dick Krambeck officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with R.W. Koch, Jim Gorton, Danny Hall, Marvin Sewing, Ernest Plagman and Dean H. Luxford as honorary bearers and John Gorton, Paul Peterson, David Dittmer, Timothy Dittmer, Richard Thoreen and Gerald Christiansen serving as casketbearers.

1979