

Mabel Beatrice, daughter of Susanne and Joshua Shay was born April 6, 1881 near Independence, Kansas. She passed away following a long illness at the Alva Share Medical Center on the 9th of April at the age of 97 years and 3 days.

When she was 26 days old, the family went to Oregon in a covered wagon. It took 9 months for them to reach their destination. In Oregon, Mabel's father owned and operated a cattle ranch. When she was 10 years of age they returned to her grandfather's home in Phillipsburg, Kansas. On September 16, 1893, at the opening of the Cherokee Strip, her father homesteaded four miles East of Alva. In the spring of 1894 the family joined Mr. Shay on the claim East of Alva

Mabel attended the Alva Rural School district and later school in the Union Church in Alva before a school was built.

Miss Shay was married to James A. McFeeters on October 12, 1898 at her parents home. They lived on a farm two miles East of Alva where they farmed. In 1900 they moved to Wichita, Kansas and in 1945 returned to Alva. Mr. McFeeters passed away on November 1, 1945.

Mrs. McFeeters owned and operated a drapery and upholsterer shop in Alva for a number of years.

She was a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Oscar Richard, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Shaw and Mrs. Jim McClain.

Mrs. McFeeters is survived by a niece, Mrs. Daisy Scott of Mooreland, four nephews, Everett McClain of Alva, Floyd McClain of Yankton, South Dakota, Harold McClain of Oklahoma City and M.M. McFeeters of Freedom, other relatives and friends.