



Elva V. Templeton, 105, died peacefully in her sleep late Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, in her residence at the Health Care Resort of Topeka, Kan.

Elva was born Sept. 14, 1919, in Rock, Kan., to Zina E. and Jesse Mae Moore and grew up in Wichita where her father was a mail carrier. Taking an early interest in music, her grandparents gave her a piano when she was 12, launching her on a lifelong path of music and learning. After graduation from Wichita North High School she earned degrees in Music Education and Drama at Friends University of Wichita and taught music in the Cheney, Kan., public schools.

She was married to George L. Templeton of Great Bend, Kan., in 1946. George preceded her in death after 71 years of marriage in 2017. They moved their family of four boys to Topeka in 1960 where she taught piano privately and played the organ for area churches for almost 20 years before moving to Prairie Village, Kan., in 1980. They traveled extensively in retirement, living for a period in Kodiak, Alaska, at the American Baptist Mission Station and later Lawrence, Kan., before returning to Topeka after George's passing.

Her love of travel was driven by intense curiosity to learn and engage in places and cultures far and wide to all 50 states and many countries. A trip to one destination would randomly and seamlessly expand by days or weeks and hundreds of miles when an opportunity for an added adventure presented itself.

She is survived by her four sons and their wives, Gary and Nancy Templeton, Ozawkie, Kan., Roger and Karin Morris Templeton, Santa Monica, Calif., Don and Marina Templeton, Amherst, Mass., and Craig and Debra Templeton, University Park, Md., five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
ELVA VIOLA TEMPLETON
JUNE 14, 2025 11 O'CLOCK
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF
ELVA VIOLA TEMPLETON

The Prelude	Evelyn Falen, organ	Ministry of Music	“Wind and Wave” Jean Baptiste Arban
The Word of Grace and Lighting of the Christ Candle Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.	Rev. Matthew Sturtevant	Ariel Templeton and Asa Templeton-Suzuki, trombone	
*The Call to Worship		The Witness of Scripture	Rev. Matthew Sturtevant Acts 16.9-15
Pastor: We have gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life. People: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.		The Sermon	Rev. Matthew Sturtevant “We Sat Down and Spoke....”
Pastor: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life’s journey, long or short. People: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God’s love in our future.		Ministry of Music	“Liebestraum” Franz Liszt
Pastor: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life. All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, and entrust our lives to God’s hands. Amen.		Ariel Templeton, flute and Ella Templeton-Suzuki, piano	
		Benediction	Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
		Postlude	
*Invocation and Our Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.			
Words of Comfort	Psalm 73.24-28	<i>Inurnment will be held at a private ceremony this afternoon.</i>	

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