



## Elva Currence Dawson

September 8, 1914 - September 23, 2017

Elva Currence Dawson, 103, of Grand Island passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the service at Grand Island City Cemetery.

Elva was born on September 8, 1914 on a farm a mile from Nekoma, KS to Alcanzar Edwin and Pansy Leona (Wheat) Currence.

She is survived by her children, Carla "Coleen" Schurman of Hobe Sound, FL, Mary Lea Dawson Hall of Grand Island, Larry (Jill) Dawson of Arvada, Co; grandchildren, Carrie, Elizabeth, Alexander and Kenneth; three great-grandchildren; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Elva was preceded in death by her husband; parents and brother, Marion Currence; sister, Della Yanzuk.

She attended grade school in Nekoma, KS, for two years before moving to LaCrosse, KS, in 1922 and continued through the 8th grade. For the next three years she attended high school at Salida, CO, one year at Lava Hot Springs, ID and graduated in 1932. She then returned to Kansas to attend Ft Hays Kansas State University and earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Home Economics with a minor in Math. In 1951, she earned her Master's in Institutional Management.

Elva interned at Richards Treat in Minneapolis for the summer. She then worked at the dormitories on a fellowship for four years at University of Texas

at Austin.

With her education, Elva worked in food service at Lufkin Texas High School, John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Camp Phillips Army Base, University of Texas in Austin, and Kansas State University in Manhattan over the next several years.

On June 3, 1951, Elva was united in marriage to Leonard F. Dawson at the Eisenhower Chapel on the college campus in Manhattan. Following their marriage, they moved to Grand Island, where Elva taught student nurses at St. Francis for two years and was the Dietician for the Lutheran Hospital for 17 years until her retirement in 1976.

Elva was a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church and active in their church circle. She was also a member of Home Economics Club, "Knitwit" Knitters Club, and Always Busy Extension Club. Elva was an accomplished artist and china painter.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the family for future designation to Aseracare Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elva Currence Dawson*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *To Colleen, Mary, and Larry,  
I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Your entire family made great neighbors for us, 50 years for our parents! I have many wonderful memories from those years, and your mom was part of everyone of them. Sending you all a hug!  
Carol (Rombach) Ahl*

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**Carol Rombach Ahl** - October 02, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Aunt Elva was always giving me helpful hints with my crafts and knitting and she never minded sharing recipes with me..She loved that I ran my own cafe for a bit and was quick to support me with whatever I chose to do ....Rest in peace sweet lady you are loved by many!! P.S. Say hello to grandma hazel for me!! Forever Dianne*

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**Dianne** - September 28, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Now that I am retired from Home Federal, there are those special people that I will remember and Elva is one of them. She was a very kind person and she had a way of brightening my day whether she came into the bank or called on the phone. And, Larry, it was nice to get to know you also. Prayers to your family as you celebrate her life.*

*Sharon Kleint  
Retired employee of Home Federal*

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**Sharon Kleint** - September 26, 2017 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Elva and Leonard were the best neighbors I ever had. I loved them very much. I will miss them.*

*Frank Wright*

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**Frank Wright** - September 25, 2017 at 05:48 PM