



## Mabini Beavers

September 26, 1940 - January 11, 2025

Mabini A. Beavers, the daughter of Santos and Esperanza D Antonio, was born on September 26, 1940, in Barrio Apulid, Paniqui, Tarlac, Philippines. At the age of 84, she gave her last breath on earth on January 10, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma before taking her next breath in heaven and seeing her Savior face to face.

Mabini grew up without a father, who was captured as a POW during World War II and the Japanese occupation of the Philippines. She learned resilience and a strong work ethic from her mother and became a source of unwavering strength, as she was a big help to her mother and became a mother-figure to her younger brothers. She graduated from high school in 1958 at Nicanor Reyes Memorial Institute in Paniqui, Tarlac. In 1960, Mabini attended Far Eastern University in Manila for a secretarial degree. She began working at the Base Exchange on Clark Air Base, where her beauty and smile caught the eye of Ernie Beavers, an airman who had just arrived on base January 1, 1964. He won her over, after taking many bus trips to her home, 45 minutes from the base, and they were married October 18, 1964. She was a dutiful wife, and God gave them almost 59 years of marriage before he passed away October 10, 2023. Together they had three children: Judy, Jeffrey, and Joy. Saved at the age of 31, Mabini was led to the Lord by Rosalie Anger, her pastor's wife, at Koolau Baptist Church in Kaneohe, Hawaii, on December 31, 1971. As a new Christian, her burden was for her family to know her Jesus, and she eventually led her mom and family to Christ. One brother has been a

missionary to Cambodia for 25 years, and five of her nephews are also pastors or missionaries in the Philippines and Cambodia. Everywhere Mabini went was her mission field. She never stopped being thankful for the gift of salvation and shared the Gospel and invited people to church, whether she met you at work, school, east Tulsa 10 Gym, a grocery store, hospital, anywhere. No one can deny she cared for your soul.

Mabini had a deep devotion for the Lord and praised Him all the day long. Each morning began with reading her Holy Bible and kneeling in prayer with her prayer journal. Early in Mabini's Christian life, her love for the Lord developed into singing for Him. She was always singing or humming hymns around the home and began singing in the choir and solos in her low alto voice. Many classics she sang included: It Took A Miracle, Remind Me Dear Lord, The Longer I Serve Him, Just A Closer Walk With Thee, Now I Belong To Jesus, Fill My Cup Lord, Why Do I Sing About Jesus?, No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus, Face To Face, Do You Know My Jesus?, Would You Be Willing To Go?, and In The Garden.

She loved her family and treasured time with them the most. Mabini's desire was to know that her children and grandchildren walk in truth. Her children were blessed to have a mom who prayed faithfully for them every day. She was a prayer warrior and encouraged them with Scripture always, but especially when their faith was tested. Her siblings, immediate family, and even her nephews and nieces looked to her as a pillar of faith for the family and their marriage as the example to follow. She cared for others and extended warmth and kindness to them. Mabini had a heart full of compassion and never looked down on anyone. She called you by name.

Mabini lived out the meaning of her name, modest, her whole life. Her beauty from within radiated her beauty on the outside. As a young woman, she was named beauty queen of her barrio. Mabini also learned from her mentor to make her appearance beautiful for her husband, first of all. She was known to have her hair and make-up done before most people got out of bed in the

morning. Even her youngest grandson once explained, “Lola can’t come in my fort because she will mess up her hair!” Her beauty extended to the care of her home, keeping it clean “The Antonio Way.” Rose bushes, hibiscus and thriving plants welcomed you inside.

Mabini had the heart of a teacher and was given the opportunity to teach kindergarten at Ardmore Christian Academy in Ardmore, Oklahoma in 1984. She was a beloved teacher who taught thousands of children to read and write and won many of them to the Lord. She retired from teaching with her last year at Southwest Christian Academy in Moore, Oklahoma in 2013, after a 29-year career to move to Tulsa, Oklahoma to be closer to family.

The hallmark of the Filipino culture, Mabini was known for her hospitality. She loved cooking and invited many people into their home, from the countless students they adopted from Heartland Baptist Bible College and Southwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, to the potlucks at Senior Haven at Eastland Baptist Church in Tulsa, where she enjoyed making Beavers biscuits and gravy, in honor of her late husband. She also made it a ministry to make sweet treats for the 2nd grade boys’ Sunday school class every week for five years, when her son-in-law and daughter taught the class. If you were ever invited to the Beavers’ home for a feast, Filipino or otherwise, she insisted you go home with leftovers, too! She refused to let the pain in her feet and legs from neuropathy stop her from baking Christmas treats for her neighbors, just two weeks before her passing.

She always quoted and believed the Scripture in Acts 20:35b, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” When God gave her more, she gave out of that abundance to others. Even as a widow, she desired to continue giving to missions, especially to her missionary brother and family in the Philippines. She trusted God to provide, and He did!

If you knew Mabini later in life, you would often see her wearing Oklahoma City Thunder and Kansas City Chiefs apparel. Although she enjoyed watching her children compete in sports, she became an avid sports fan as an empty

nester and even more after retirement, watching college basketball and football, the NBA, and NFL. She knew the names of many players and coaches and started to follow the Kansas City Royals when one of her granddaughters was recently hired to work for them as a graphic designer. Two of the most difficult times of her life took place in the past fifteen months: losing her husband of almost 59 years to a stroke in October 2023 and then suffering a stroke herself in June 2024. Her light dimmed when her honey was called home to heaven, but she exhibited courage and faith to endure, and her recovery strengthened her family even more.

Mabini is survived by her children: daughter, Judy Maxon and husband Scott of Lenexa, Kansas, son Jeff Beavers and wife Pamela of Lenexa, Kansas, daughter Joy Brewer and husband Greg of Tulsa, grandchildren: Brad Bishop, Jacob Beavers and wife Kelsea, Eric Maxon and wife Allison, Alyssa (Beavers) Rohman and husband Cole, Lydia (Beavers) Martinez and husband Ely, Audrey (Maxon) Purcell and husband Ethan and Grant Brewer; great-grandson: Baker Maxon; sister Ligaya Allison, and brothers Isagani Antonio and Joe Dela Cruz. She was preceded in death by her parents, Santos and Esperanza Antonio, her husband, Ernest Beavers, and brother, Ernesto Antonio.

“Her children arise up and call her blessed. Let her own works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:28a; 31:31b.

In memory of Mabini Beavers:

Family is requesting that any donations be sent to:

Eastland Baptist Church

1835 S 129th E. Ave

Tulsa, OK 74129.

All monetary donations will be given to Mabini's brother, Isagani Antonio, missionary to Cambodia.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

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JAN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Eastland Baptist Church  
1835 South 129th East Avenue  
Tulsa, OK 74108  
<http://eastlandbaptist.org>

## Burial

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JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.* ”



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January 17, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute* ”



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - January 17, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.* ”



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January 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Judy, Joy and Jeff. I know how much you already miss her. I'm sad, but at the same time joyful that I know we will see her again! Praise God! I'm so grateful to have had Mabini in our lives. She made the first and best wantons I've ever eaten. Going to the Beavers home was always a fun time! She was beautiful inside and out and I'm sure she, Ernie and my mom are probably having a wonderful time basking in the presence of The Almighty!

Jeff Williams - January 17, 2025 at 09:42 AM

JB

Thank you Jeff

Joy Brewer - January 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.



January 17, 2025 at 08:59 AM

CB

“ I'm so sorry for the passing of Mabini. My family met Ernie and Mabini at church in Hawaii. She was very sweet and we enjoyed her singing so very much. May God give you peace and comfort.  
Carolyn Brooks

Carolyn Brooks - January 16, 2025 at 10:48 PM

JB

Thank you for sharing your memories and for your prayers.

Joy Brewer - January 20, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JD

“ Mrs. Beavers was always a kind, loving, and an encouraging person. She taught my Sunday school class when I was a small child and became my adopted mother when I was in Bible college. She always offered a warm smile and encouraging words. She was one of the most godly ladies that I have ever known. We will miss her.

Joe Dickinson  
El Paso, TX

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**Joe Dickinson** - January 16, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JB

Thank you, Joe. She always enjoyed seeing you and Tisha.

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**Joy Brewer** - January 16, 2025 at 10:25 PM

BD

“ Bill & Michelle Darne' purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mabini Beavers.



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**Bill & Michelle Darne'** - January 16, 2025 at 06:33 PM

JD

“ Mabini has been a dear friend of the Dickinson family & the blessings of that friendship are abundant. We all count ourselves fortunate to have prayed, sang, or worked with, been the recipient of her phenomenal cooking or hospitality, or enjoyed the fellowship of her children, all faithful followers of the Saviour she loved. I hope I'm standing nearby her in Heaven when the crowns are handed out!  
Proud to call her my friend, Judy Dickinson

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**Judy Dickinson** - January 16, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JB

*That's so beautiful, Judy. We love the Dickinson family.*

**Joy Brewer** - January 16, 2025 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ *The Dela Cruz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mabini Beavers.*

**The Dela Cruz Family** - January 16, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TF

“ *The Dela Cruz Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



**The Dela Cruz Family** - January 16, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



January 16, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MR

“ *Mario and Donna Reyes purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



**Mario and Donna Reyes** - January 16, 2025 at 10:26 AM

OA

“ *OmaLee, Michael and Angela purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



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**OmaLee, Michael and Angela** - January 16, 2025 at 10:23 AM

GS

“ *Glen & Becky Sims purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



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**Glen & Becky Sims** - January 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM

RB

“ *ROBERT AND CHERYL BEAVERS purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



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**ROBERT AND CHERYL BEAVERS** - January 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ *ROBERT AND CHERYL BEAVERS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mabini Beavers.*

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**ROBERT AND CHERYL BEAVERS** - January 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM

JA

“ Mrs Mabini was a wonderful Godly lady.  
And a true friend of mine. We sang in the choir side by side for  
years at SW Baptist Church, OKC, OK.  
Your Sister in Christ..... JoAnn Austin

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**Jo Ann Austin** - January 15, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JB

*Thank you for sharing your memories with us.*

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**Joy Brewer** - January 20, 2025 at 08:53 PM

RL

“ Mrs. Beavers lived the Word of God to the fullest. When I was a  
young child she led me to Christ. I have never forgotten her love of  
God or how she taught many of us children growing up.  
I send my condolences to her family. Grief may be hard at times, but  
just remember all the good times you all had. Take comfort in  
knowing she knows she the reasons why she was put on Earth and  
that was for others to know the Heavenly Saviour.

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**Rachel L.** - January 15, 2025 at 12:17 AM

JB

*Thank you for sharing your memories. They mean so much.*

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**Joy Brewer** - January 20, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ I will never forget Mrs. Beavers! When I was in the youth, we were  
invited to their home to eat and play games. She was always so  
kind. She will always be a special person to me. I pray for the family  
at this time.

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January 14, 2025 at 10:05 PM

JB

*Thank you for sharing this! We appreciate your prayers.*

**Joy Brewer** - January 20, 2025 at 08:52 PM

SS

“ *St. Luke’s Surgicenter- Lees Summit purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



**St. Luke’s Surgicenter- Lees Summit** - January 14, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



January 14, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mabini Beavers.*

January 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mabini Beavers.*



January 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Beavers family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Mabini.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - January 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM