



Elmer Mabry

May 13, 1934 - March 28, 2020

Elmer Junior Mabry, age 85 completed his Spiritual journey to his heavenly home from his University Village home in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 28, 2020.

Elmer was born in Red Oak, Oklahoma on May 13, 1934 to Elmer Lunar Mabry and Nancy Lorene (Harrison) Mabry. He was married to Carolyn (Hicks) Mabry who preceded him in death in 2018.

Elmer was a 1953 graduate of Poteau High School. He later earned a BS in Industrial Arts from Southeastern State University, Durant, Oklahoma and taught Auto Mechanics and Woodwork. He earned a Masters from OSU in Trade & Industrial Education with emphasis in Math and was working on his Doctorate at one time.

He started his teaching career at Hugo, Oklahoma teaching Jr. High Math and Science where he also had a Radio Broadcast Program for a short time. He then moved back to Tulsa and taught at Edison, McClain, Central, and Webster where he felt he was called to help young people find their way to God through teaching and counseling. Teaching was his passion. Later he taught Real Estate classes at Tulsa Jr. College and later became the Director of Construction Technology at Claremore Jr. College as well as teaching Math in the Military.

Elmer was in the Army National Guard of Oklahoma and was a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army.

He was a Counselor for Tulsa Vo-Tech at one time and a member of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. After retirement from teaching, Elmer acquired his Real Estate License and also worked in home remodeling and classic car restoration.

He became a Christian at age 11 while attending Poteau First Assembly of God Church. Elmer later became the President of the Christ Ambassadors Youth Group, taught Sunday School, sang and played the guitar and spoke at any church that would ask him. He

helped build an AOG church on Highway 69 near Poteau as a youth. Elmer was a long time member at Victory Christian Center.

Elmer is survived by his only son, David Keith Mabry, Coweta, OK; step-daughter Karen Hardin (Kevin) Coweta, OK; Step-son Steve Dee, Finksburg, MD; Step-son Ron Dee, Tulsa, OK, sister Beverly Davis, Poteau OK, sister Judy Foster, Cushing OK, brother John Mabry, Owasso OK, sister Hazel Mabry, Poteau OK, sister Gloria Boyd (Jim "Baldy") Broken Arrow, OK, Grandchildren: Shelby Hammett (Dan), Salem, CT; Colton Mabry, Salem, CT, Peyton, Preston and Pearston Mabry, Coweta, OK; Michael Hardin, Tulsa, OK, Joshua Hardin, Coweta, OK; Holly Sparger (Matthew), Broken Arrow, OK; Chris Dee (Lesia), MO; Cindy Dee, MO; Ashley Dee, Austin Dee and Alyx Dee, MD; also Great Grandchildren Dominic Sparger, Calista Morgan, Kirsten and Karson Dee, Dakota Morris (Emily); Kelsey Morris. One Great Great grandson Hudson Morris. Elmer is loved and remembered by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Elmer was good-natured, well-rounded, and very humorous. Everyone who knew him knew that he was the King of "corny jokes." He laughed at his own jokes harder than anyone. Elmer was always upbeat with his positive attitude and never complained. He was a true believer that lived by the Word of God.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Hicks Mabry; parents, Elmer and Lorene Mabry; Granddaughter, Stacia Mabry.

Our family would like to say thank you to other family members and friends for all your prayers and condolences during this time. We would like to say thank you to all the Administration and Staff at University Village for the loving care they gave to Elmer during his time of living there.

Webcasting available at:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/31737/hash:6C93A81CB11700E3>

Cemetery

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S 129th E Ave
Broken Arrow, OK, 74012

Events

JUN 23 **Memorial Celebration** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

Floral Haven Funeral Home
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK, US,
74012

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory and Cemetery - June 22 at 01:41 PM



“ Remembering Elmer Mabry on what would've been his 86th birthday. Brenda Shaw-Morris



Brenda Shaw-Morris - May 13 at 02:21 PM



“ Hi God! Please meet Mr. Elmer Mabry, just watch out for his right cross if you get your nose a little too close. Oh, and whatever you do do not underestimate his strength!! He is as strong as an ox, he'll out pull you and then set you up for one of his one two combination punches!! One day Elmer wore me out so much I had to take the next 2 days off from training!!

On a slightly more serious note, I miss you Elmer! Thank you for bringing joy into my life (and yes your corny jokes helped make the whole morning fun). And thank you for allowing me the privilege to be your exercise coach and trainer over the past year. You left an indelible mark on my heart and showed me that training is so much more than simply exercise, it's about the human spirit and keeping on right up to the end. You did that and so much more, thank you Elmer I will miss you always!! Now, keep working on that footwork as I'll be back to train you again in another 40-50 years ! Your coach and trainer forever, Brad

Brad Carlson - April 15 at 02:49 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY OF ELMER MABRY:

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

While searching the Floral Haven website, I was saddened to see that Mr Mabry had passed. I met Mr Mabry in 1978 when I started working at McLain High School in the Library/Media Center. He was the Auto Mechanics instructor there.

Mr Mabry was a God-fearing man who was kind, generous and had a heart of gold. He came to my rescue a few times when I had car trouble and often gave me advice and suggestions when dealing with my car situation.

I left the school system and went to work for DHS full time in 1988. I still kept in touch with Mr Mabry and would call him every year on his birthday until about 3 years ago when the number was no longer available.

My condolences to the family and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

May the fond memories you hold dear bring a smile to your face and lighten your heart in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

Much love,

Brenda Shaw-Morris



Brenda Shaw-Morris - April 07 at 10:38 AM



“ Elmer, I feel blessed to know your sister, Glo. She is my best friend and always speaks so highly of you. I know she loved you more than she could ever speak. I wish I had met you but look at you now; meeting your loved ones gone before you and meeting our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What more can we hope for? That is well worth all the living and suffering that was endured here on Earth. Well done thy good and faithful servant. Sherry Dye

Sherry Dye - March 31 at 10:29 PM



“ JIM & SHERRY DYE purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Elmer Mabry.



JIM & SHERRY DYE - March 31 at 10:19 AM



“ I already miss you sweet Brother. It was my privilege to care for you this past year and a half. I jumped up this morning thinking I was going to UV to see you only to be jolted into the reality that you are gone---gone to your Heavenly home and knowing that gives me so much peace. I am relieved to know that you are up there now healed, walking and even have your fingers back. You had some hard knocks thrown at you just like Mom did, but you kept the faith, finished the course with tenacity, a positive attitude, never complaining for what was handed you, and a strong will. Just as the song says that you sang so many times as a young person---Job's God Is True---"Though God slay me, yet I'll trust Him." I'm so happy knowing you are up in Heaven with all our family and friends. I know they were all glad to see you. I love, love, love you Brother, my father-like being, my protector as a child, my steadfast praying example. Thank for all you gave to me....I'm so blessed to have had you as my Brother. Love to you---Glo

Glo Boyd - March 30 at 10:03 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Chris Dee - March 30 at 01:36 PM