

## **STRUGGLE ICON FEZILE DABI'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY**

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The mother of struggle icon Fezile Dabi has died after a long illness.

Cecilia Nowins Dabi, 86, was the mother of the woman after whom the Fezile Dabi district municipality is named. She died on Friday.

"She had been ill for a long time and coupled with old age, she unfortunately succumbed to her illness. We are deeply saddened by her death.

"Hers was a family that dedicated its life to the fight for freedom of our people. This district is proud to be the home of such a selfless family," said municipality spokesperson Sizwe Mbalo. Dabi had six children. The late Fezile was the third child.

During the ANC centenary celebrations in January, Dabi received the centenary torch on behalf of the people of the district, at the Parys town hall.

Dabi had been involved in the trade union movement. Her house in Tumahole accommodated MK soldiers during the apartheid years. Tumahole was one of the hotbeds of resistance against apartheid and many activists led by the Tumahole Civic Association and students from the township were detained by the authorities in the 1980s.

Mbalo said: "She was affectionately known as MmaDabi and had big heart. She has joined a galaxy of stars that shall forever light our path."

Funeral details are being finalised.

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