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Harold Read

Harold Read, 89, of Paradise, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, in Paradise.

Funeral was Nov. 7 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Jim Taylor officiating. Burial followed at Paradise Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ryan Ooten, Rick Read, Gary Barnett, Jason Read, Bud Read and Tom Bridges.

Harold was born Aug. 9, 1928, in Paradise to John Dixon and Irene (Pike) Read. He marred Dorotha Morehead March 9, 1952, in Chico. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea and Japan. He was awarded the Korean Service medal with four bronze service stars, Bronze star with "V" devise, Japan Army occupation medal, and a Combat Infantry badge. Once he was out of the Army, he returned to Paradise, where he drove a truck for Austin Powder Co. and later retired after 32 years of driving for the company. He was preceded in death by his parents; great-grandson Braylon Shetter; brothers Earnest Read, J.D. Read, Marvin Read and Leon Read; sisters Lorene Read, Peggy Calvert and Pauline Carlton.

He is survived by his wife; sons Duane Read and wife, Marilyn, of Decatur and Mitchell Read and wife, Debbie, of Paradise; daughter Lori Dolak and husband, George, of Bedford; grandchildren Jason Read and wife, Tiffany, Amanda Shetter and husband, David, Melissa Read, Scott Read, David Scott Herrera and fianc e, Christy, and Sam Dolak; 15 great-grandchildren; brother Bill Read and wife, Bobby, of Paradise; sisters Patsy McClure and husband, David, of Mesquite and Geneva Hudson of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.