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Bennie Carroll Dickinson, 81, of Paradise, died Friday, June 3, 2016, in Decatur. Funeral was June 7 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Steven Azzara officiating. Burial followed at Paradise Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dickie Dunn, Mark Dunn, Russell Chapman, Ricky Chapman, Carl White and Truman Read.

Bennie was born Feb. 27, 1935, in Chico to Vaughn and Lola (Hill) Dickinson. He married Nancy Cowley May 14, 1999, in Chico. Bennie retired from the natural gas pipeline industry. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Paradise and was a longtime Sunday school superintendent. He was also a member of the Methodist Men's Group.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Bobbie Dean Dickinson; son David Harold Dickinson; daughter Vonda Everhart; sister Peggy White; and stepdaughter Louise Cowley. He is survived by his wife; son Joel Dickinson and wife, Kimberly, of North Richland Hills; stepson Ed Cowley and wife, Debbie, of Chico; stepdaughter Tammy Sosa and husband, Darren, of Chico; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister Anita Chapman of North Richland Hills; son-in-law Steve Everhart of Paradise; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.