

Charlie Mac Dickinson, 96, of Clayton, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Limestone Heritage in Gainesville.

He was born Feb. 8, 1912, in Hart County to Vester Cleveland Dickerson Sr. and Minnie Hendricks Dickerson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He owned and operated Dickerson Hardware for 60 years. He won an award for being the oldest outstanding worker in Georgia. He was a founding member of Clayton Fire Department, which started in the 1930s. He also was a founding member of the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce and Clayton Rotary Club, the latter for which he had perfect attendance for 60 years. He was a member of Clayton First United Methodist Church for 84 years, and he served as church treasurer for 47 years.

He was preceded in death by: his wife of 65 years, Venice Ashley Dickerson; a son, Charles M. Dickerson Jr.; a daughter, Pamela Lynn Dickerson; a grandson, Jeffery Scott Byrd; three brothers, Jute Dickerson, V.C. Dickerson Jr. and Hoke Dickerson; and a sister, Doris Dickerson.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sonja Bowen of Clarkesville and Patricia Smith of Destin, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Madge Dickerson English of Rabun Gap; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Ernestine Dickerson of Clayton; five grandchildren, Brett Bowen of Woodstock, David Byrd of Mobile, Ala., and Lisa Dale, Christy Shelton and Clay Dickerson, all of Clayton; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at Clayton First United Methodist Church with the Revs. James E. Turpen and Carol Cook officiating. Burial followed at Rabun Memory Park.

Memorial donations may be made to Clayton First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 703, Clayton, GA 30525; and/or to Clayton Rotary Club, Charlie Mac Dickerson Scholarship Fund.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at [.www.hunterfuneralhome.com](http://www.hunterfuneralhome.com).

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