

Warren Richard Beck Sr., 65, of Clayton, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004.

He was born Aug. 18, 1939, to the late Lamar Richard and Lesel Cannon Beck, formerly of the Warwoman community.

He graduated from Rabun County High School in 1957 and attended the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he received many awards and was recognized as Outstanding Member of his platoon.

He was a lifelong resident of Rabun County and was involved in many organizations. He served as past president of the Clayton Downtown Development Authority, past chairman of Clayton Planning and Zoning Commission, past president of Rabun County Chamber of Commerce and past member of Rabun County Hospital Authority. Most recently, he had been serving as vice chairman of the Clayton-Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority, chairman of the Economic Development Authority, on the board of directors of Rabun County Bank and as a member of Clayton Housing Authority.

He worked two years for Johnson & Johnson and 10 years for Burlington Industries. He was a merchant and real estate investor for 30 years, during which time he built the original Stonebrook Inn and Restaurant. He had an active role in the construction and operation of Beck Funeral Home.

He was a Master Mason with Rabun Gap Lodge No. 265, a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and a member of Yaarab Temple of Atlanta. He also was a member of Battle Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife of 42 years, Dorothy Ramey Beck; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Warren R. Beck Jr. and Samuel R. and Fredda Beck; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Beck and Marty Franklin; and four granddaughters, Jamie and Katie Franklin and Taylor and Carrie Beck, all of Clayton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Beck Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Madison McCrackin officiating. Burial followed in Antioch Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Battle Branch Baptist Church building fund.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. An online memorial register is available at [www.beckfuneralhome.com](http://www.beckfuneralhome.com).

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