

Johnny Howard of Tiger died Saturday, March 22, 2008, after a short illness.

He was born in 1929 in Newnan. He graduated with the last class of Atlanta's Georgia Tech High School in 1947. He served 18 months in the Korean War as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Natalie Stratton of College Park in 1952. He then worked for Hotpoint and General Electric in Atlanta as an office manager.

He and his wife moved to Rabun County in 1966 and started a house plan business, Custom Home Plans Inc. He served as president and general manager, and Natalie served as the designer of home plans for the mail order business.

He was preceded in death by: a son, Scott Howard; and a sister, Gladys Howard Crowder. Survivors include: his sister, Kathleen Howard Burns of Laurinburg, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bradford and Paula Byrd Howard of Canton; a daughter, Cindy Howard of San Diego; and three grandchildren, Chad, Chase and Chance Howard, all of Canton.

A celebration of his life begins at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Beck Funeral Home. Memorial donations can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Beck Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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