

Marvin Calhoun Jowers, 88, of Clayton, died Sunday, April 13, 2008.

He was born Dec. 23, 1919, in Williston, S.C., to Talbert Joseph and Lizzie Hair Jowers. He moved to Clayton in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He then attended trade school in Clarkesville, where he learned to repair radios. He accepted a job with Reeves Hardware and moved to Rabun County. In 1946, he opened his own business, Jowers Radio Company, and in 1952 became a dealer for General Electric Corporation.

He remained in business for more than 50 years. He served on Clayton City Council and was mayor during the early 1990s. He worked with the Downtown Development Authority, The Rock House restoration project, and Clayton Merchant & Business Association. He was a former member of the Clayton Lions Club and served on the beautification committee. He was a member of the "200 club" when he bowled during the 1960s. He also was a charter member of the Walnut Flats Hunt Club.

He was one of the first local business leaders to be approached by Georgia Power Company to lease a lot on Lake Burton. He spent most of his days off fishing or with family at Lake Burton. He and his wife joined Clayton Baptist Church in July 1946, and he served as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent.

He was preceded in death by: his wife of 62 years, Edna Earle Webb Jowers; a son, David Calhoun Jowers; two brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Emily Jowers Buntyn and Dr. L. Ross Buntyn of Gulfport, Miss.; a son and daughter-in-law, John Marvin and Cathy Hutson Jowers of Clayton; three grandsons, Austin Jowers of Mount Airy, Dr. Randy Buntyn of Gulfport and Bill Buntyn of Dallas; three granddaughters, Whitney Jowers of Clayton, Tiffany Norene of Blythwood, S.C., and Amy Barela of Atlanta; and two brothers and two sisters, all from Williston.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at Clayton Baptist Church. A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. with a committal service following. The Revs. Samuel H. Letson and Joseph D. Thompson will conduct the services.

Memorial donations may be made to Clayton Baptist Church, Adult Missions Fund, 81 Church St., Clayton, GA 30525 or the American Heart Association.

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