

Statement About Ken from Richard Fennell, Mayor:

I first got to know Ken about 15 years ago when he served on the Town Council. I found him to be a man of intelligence, honesty, and integrity, with a good sense of humor and “calling it the way he saw it,” thrown in. Five years ago, when the position of Town Administrator needed to be filled, Ken was the first person all of us on the Town Council thought of to fill the position.

Ken’s accomplished a lot in his tenure as Town Administrator, including remodeling the Town Hall office, helping to acquire property to create the town park, working on grants to improve the grounds at the park and Town Hall, and paving and expanding the parking lot. He particularly enjoyed interacting with people, and he told me more than once that he thought that was one of the most important parts of the job. He truly loved the Town of Whitsett and the people who live here.

Above all, and I think I speak for everyone on the Council, we will miss him as a friend.

Town of Whitsett Administrator, Kenneth Edwin Jacobs, Sr., 73, of Whitsett passed away at his residence on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. He held the position of Administrator from October 2016 until September 2021. Ken also served as the Enforcement Officer for the town. Prior to becoming Town Administrator, Ken served on the Town Council and Town Planning Board. The Town of Whitsett will sorely miss Ken's dedicated service to our town.

From Rich & Thompson Tribute: A native of Santa Clara, CA he was the son of the late Frank Edwin Jacobs and the late Joyce Dickson Tyree. After serving in the United States Army, he worked as a master cabinet maker and currently served as the Whitsett town manager.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth Edwin Jacobs, Jr. along with his wife Laura and stepsons, Hagan & Everett Quinto of Cary and son, Allan Kirk Jacobs along with his wife Melody and son, Nixon Smith of Raleigh; and sister, Carol Amos along with her children Greg G Almos Jr. & Jenifer D Baker.

His memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Rich & Thompson Chapel in Burlington by Pastor Holly Lux-Sullivan. The family will greet friends immediately following the memorial service.

Services
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday
October 2, 2021
11:00 AM
Rich and Thompson Chapel
306 Glenwood Ave.
Burlington, NC 27215