

Town of Vanceboro
Press Release
August 17, 2021



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend and Alderman Dennis James Smith (November 25, 1967 – August 16, 2021). Dennis lived a life filled with joy and kindness; he faithfully enjoyed serving others and serving the citizens of Vanceboro as Town Alderman for 18 years (1999-2003, 2007-2021) and as Mayor Pro Tem for 5 of those years (2017-2021).

Dennis served our community for 18 years in many capacities, earning him the respect, admiration and high regard of all those with whom he came in contact, and the love and affection of all. The Town of Vanceboro Board of Aldermen, employees and citizens have benefited from Dennis' knowledge, leadership, and concern for his fellow citizens. His contributions will forever serve as an example of untiring and dedicated public service. The Town of Vanceboro Board of Aldermen expresses sincere appreciation for his leadership, his unselfish and dedicated devotion, and his significant impact on Vanceboro.

He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. As we mourn the loss of Alderman Smith, we extend to his wife, Denise, and his family our sincere sympathy.

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

Beverly W. Drake, Town Clerk
Chad E. Braxton, Mayor