

A Celebration of Life and Public Service

The town of Pine Knoll Shores held a public memorial service on May 27 at town hall to celebrate the life and public service of Mayor Ken Jones. In recognition of social distancing requirements and personal protective measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, attendees were asked to wear face masks and follow a schedule of staggered attendance. Different groups were scheduled each hour, ranging from local, city, county and state elected officials and staff to appointed town boards, committees and volunteers, followed by members of the different homeowners associations in town and other friends and colleagues.

As they filed past photos and memorabilia from Ken's life, attendees were greeted by town staff and commissioners and received a copy of the latest edition of *The Shoreline* featuring a heart-felt tribute to Ken by Town Manager Brian Kramer. In addition, a slideshow video created by Amy Hahn chronicled

Ken's time in Pine Knoll Shores.

Ken Jones was in his 11th year as mayor of the town. As Kramer said in his tribute, Ken was proud to be the mayor of Pine Knoll Shores, not because of the beaches and trees, but because of the people. He loved the town staff and volunteers and was quick to recognize their contributions to the town. He believed the dedication of the town staff was second to none and saw no greater example of service to the community than volunteers

who put time into Pine Knoll Shores for nothing more than a thank you. Ken's motivation was doing what he believed to be right for the citizens of Pine Knoll Shores, and his stated goal was to always act in their best interest—and he was willing to take criticism for his decisions. Despite the adjustments required for the memorial service because of the pandemic, it was a fitting farewell for a man who loved the people and town he served.



Left and above, items on display at the town's memorial service for Mayor Ken Jones.—Photos by Sarah Williams

K4TW Gala, Race Cancelled

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and Hope For The Warriors, the nonprofit organization supported by our K4TW events. We would like to be able to once again give Hope For The Warriors the funds that help them in their mission (hopeforthewarriors.org). If you are so inclined, your donation directly to Kayak for the Warriors or the Golf Tournament will be greatly appreciated even if you cannot participate. Also, please see "Raffles to Support K4TW" in this issue about two raffles we have added this year to help raise funds for this worthwhile town project.

For additional information, our website has been updated. If you have questions, please contact coordinator@k4tw.org.