



VAN BUREN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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FORMER SUPERVISOR DAVID JACOKES PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 30

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., May 4, 2020- We are saddened to announce the passing of former Supervisor David Jacokes, after a courageous battle with brain cancer-glioblastoma, on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the age of 75 years. Jacokes was Township Supervisor for two terms from 1988-1996.

He's best known for his negotiations of the first Host-Community Agreement with Waste Management, providing an important revenue stream for the Township. He was instrumental in renovating and expanding Township Hall on Tyler Rd.

Assessment Coordinator, Linda Stevenson states, "Mr. Jacokes hired me as his Confidential Secretary 31 years ago. I look back now and am so thankful I got to work with him. He made coming to work interesting and always made people smile. He gave me an opportunity and because of that, I have had a wonderful career with Van Buren Township. He truly enjoyed having a connection with the residents of Township."

Jacokes formed the Van Buren Township DDA in 1989, expanded the Public Safety Department and created a Neighborhood Watch Program. He also negotiating the Tri-Community Museum Agreement, which allowed the BAM: Belleville Area Museum to open and under his leadership he started the Senior Center Christmas Party and gave all the women flowers.

Executive Director, Susan Ireland said, "David was a very kind and compassionate person. His sense of humor was great. Even during stressful times, you could count on him to share joy and laughter. You could always

count on him to joke and bring a smile to everyone. He walked in every parade and attended just about every activity. He was truly on duty 24/7. Cared enormously for the residents of Van Buren and was an honest and hard-working person. His directors were very loyal and worked just as hard as he did."

To view David Jacokes obituary follow this
link: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/12819663/David-Hill-Jacokes>

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