



D.H. "Doc" Douglas

Town zoning administrator remembered by co-workers

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Long time Town of Winnsboro building and zoning administrator D.H. "Doc" Douglas was remembered by friends and colleagues as a fair man who dealt with people in a nice way in his job as enforcer of zoning laws and building codes.

Douglas, 63, who had been with the Town of Winnsboro for ten years as zoning and building codes administrator, died Wednesday, May 17.

A memorial service for Douglas was held this past Saturday at New Hope ARP Church in Blackstock.

WDPS Chief Wayne Yates grew up knowing Douglas and worked closely with

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"I always found him to be very sincere in what he did and very meticulous. I enjoyed working with him. He was a great guy."

Yates said what he will remember about Douglas the most is some of his mannerisms that made him who he was.

"He had this way of stopping and shaking his head while he was thinking.

"I know he was always very sincere about what he did, and very honest and open."

bers him as "a real hard worker who had the best interests of the Town at heart."

Town Manager Don Wood said "he was a valued employee, a good friend, and we all enjoyed working with him.

"We think he did a good job for the citizens and always tried to be fair to them," Wood said.

"We're all going to miss him."

A builder himself before taking on the job with the Town, colleagues recall that Douglas would joke with builders about having to shut them down if they didn't get a building

but always in a nice way.

"They'd laugh, and in a little while, sure enough, they builders would show up at Town Hall to get the building permit."

Downtown development director Rachel Gibson said of Douglas, "Doc was a lovely man. He always had a smile on his face and usually put a smile on my face as well.

"On the work front, he always had time for my incessant zoning questions, and he never expected me to just 'believe' what I was told...he would always show up a couple of hours after my most re-