

Letter to a Friend Dead One Year

BY LOU LIPSITZ

You might imagine you've missed a lot,
but so much is exactly as it was.

The weather hasn't varied.

My pond froze, but the fish
survived. Seventeen year locusts
appeared and vanished.

The election also came and went.

A hurricane of flag-waving, a Walmart of lies,
money seeping undetected like radiation.

I got involved anyway, just as you would've.

I can hear your apt description:
"hideous."

On the personal side, G and R hold hands
then argue as they always did.

There's the pointless bickering at work.

I tried getting together with J. again
and it was the same old. We think
we love each other; failures
have taught us nothing.

Your girlfriend has kept herself busy.
It's said she's not doing well. Your ashes
remain on her mantle.

I drive by your house once in a while.
It's rented. I haven't heard anything about your kids
— probably a good sign.

But you'd like the new Turkish restaurant.

We'd have great arguments about
a couple of new movies.

I still dream a lot, but don't remember them
the way I used to.

Danny JENKINS COMMISSIONER

I love our county and I feel the calling to serve the community.

I am a native of Chatham County and a third generation farmer. I grew up off of Hwy 751 and Mt. Pisgah Church Road. I attended school in Chatham County and the quality of our schools is very important to me and my family. My children attended schools in Chatham County and I have grandchildren currently enrolled in schools in Chatham County, as well.



Their education and the education of other children was so important to me that I spearheaded work with local parents and grandparents several years ago to raise over \$30,000 to help our teachers and students at North Chatham Elementary School, and over \$10,000 for the booster club at Northwood High School.

I am a common sense, "roll up your sleeves" kind of guy and I will bring that mindset and energy to the Board of Commissioners in Chatham County.

What does this mean?

I understand the value of a dollar, the value of a good education and what it's like to work on the land with my hands, my back and my sweat equity.

After graduating from Pittsboro High School I worked on our family farm in Chatham County for four years before I enrolled in the Institute of Government and later graduated from the Highway Patrol School. I worked for eleven years in Harnett County with the Highway Patrol and eventually came back to Chatham County in 1987 where I served the citizens of Chatham County for eighteen years with the Highway Patrol. I finished my career with the Highway Patrol Training Academy and retired in 2003 with 30 years of service. At times my job was difficult, but I always maintained a good rapport with the citizens and my fellow workers.

A vote on March 15th for me, Danny Jenkins, will be a vote for progress, more investment in our schools, an open and understanding ear to our farmers and a person who understands the history of our County. I'm willing and able to work together and find common ground with the disparate factions in our community.

If you want to know more about me, please email me at jenkins4chatham@gmail.com

Early Voting begins on March 3rd and ends on March 12th

Election Day is Tuesday, March 15th

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