

Jamie Wooten



Jamie Wooten grew up in Fremont, the son of W.A. and Eva Wooten. His father was mayor for 12 years and his mother taught in the public schools. He is a graduate of Charles B. Aycock High School and a member of its Hall of Fame.

To honor his mother, Jamie donated his childhood home to Wayne Community College. The proceeds from the sale provide scholarships for prospective public school teachers.

Jamie enjoyed a successful career in Hollywood as a television writer and producer. He worked for every major network and on every major studio lot. Jamie is best known for writing and producing many seasons of the classic television comedy “The Golden Girls.” He won the Writers Guild of America award for that series.

Following his Hollywood career, Jamie went in a new direction. He formed a partnership with Jessie Jones and Nicholas Hope, and the three began writing comedies with a distinct Southern flavor. For over two decades the playwrights (Jones Hope Wooten) have had much success, amassing more than 7,000 productions and 50,000 performances in all 50 states and in 21 countries. Some of their plays were performed at the Paramount in Goldsboro, where Jamie enjoyed movies as a boy.