



James "Jimmy" Wooten

May 18, 1940 - August 31, 2023

Jimmy Wooten, 83, of Wesson, Mississippi, peacefully passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at the Aspen Of Brookhaven. His visitation will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Stringer Funeral Home in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Wesson, Mississippi. A visitation will precede the service from 10:00 to 11:00 AM.

Mr. Jimmy Wooten graduated from Wesson High School, where he played football and was well known for his speed – he could outpace most anyone. He then attended Copiah Lincoln Community College for 2 years, majoring in General Studies, where he also played football. He commenced his employment at the Potter Company as an assembly line worker for 5 years before embarking on a 35-year career with the State Of Mississippi Health Department. In this role, he worked as a quality control inspector, interacting with people across the surrounding counties.

He was an engaged member of the Masonic Lodge in Wesson, achieving the rank of a 2nd Degree Mason. Additionally, he was an active participant in his church, Zion Hill Baptist Church, for over 50 years. Serving as a Deacon for more than 20 years, he mentored numerous young men within his congregation. He steadfastly dedicated his life to serving the Lord.

Mr. Jimmy was married to the love of his life, Minnie Jane Wooten, with whom he shared over 62 years of marriage. He is now joyously reunited with her in Heaven. While raising their two boys, he devoted much time to watching them play football and baseball – his favorite pastime. His love for sports extended to supporting his favorite teams: the New Orleans Saints, the Atlanta Braves, and the Ole Miss Rebels. He also had a deep passion for turkey and quail hunting and enjoyed fishing alongside his brothers.

While he was affectionately known as 'Daddy' to Mitch and Mike, of whom he was exceedingly proud, he was lovingly referred to as 'Pops' by his grandchildren: Chelsea Wooten Turner (Cameron), Nicholas Wooten (Anna Grayson), and Courtney Wooten Pickle (JP), who brought him immense joy. 'Pops' and 'Nana' were unwavering attendees at all their activities, rain or shine. Later in life, his great-grandchildren – Presleigh Wooten, Crews Wooten, Taysom Turner, and soon-to-arrive Georgia Grace Wooten and Tripp Pickle – also affectionately called him 'Pops'.

Jimmy was held in high esteem and adored by all who knew him. He served as a role model for many young men in his community. He possessed a remarkable ability to connect with strangers wherever he went. He was a kind and affectionate father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His absence will be deeply felt by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bennie D. Wooten and Edith Merle Hamilton Wooten, and his wife, Minnie Jane Wooten. He is survived by his brothers, Bennie Carol Wooten and Kenneth 'Fuzz' Wooten (Nancy), and his sister, Alice Merle Malley. He leaves behind his sons, Mitch Wooten (Sharon) and Mike Wooten, along with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

8081 Martinsville Road
Wesson, MS 39191

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Hazlehurst
PO Box 884
28023 Hwy 28
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
(601) 894-1331
stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net

Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Hill Baptist Church
8081 Martinsville Rd
Wesson, MS 39191
(601) 643-5145

Tribute Wall

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“ I can think of lots of reasons why I'm glad I grew up in church. Very close to the top of that list is time spent with Mr. Jimmy Wooten. He was always glad to see you and genuinely concerned about your life no matter what you looked like or what had happened in your past. I was blessed to grow up in the presence of men of integrity, courage, wisdom and love. I can think of no better example of Mr. Jimmy.

Keith Hamilton - September 01, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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We plated on church soft ball team and quail hunted together back in the 70's and 80's. Great family I have many memories of the family . Mike, Mitch and fuzzy. Never forgot those guys. Hold on to the memories. Gods blessings!! See ya soon!!

Gary Douglas - September 01, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Wooten.



September 01, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Wooten.



September 01, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Wooten.*



September 01, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Wooten.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jimmy" Wooten.*

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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Wooten.*



August 31, 2023 at 01:34 PM