

### Mrs. Mary Scarboro Jasmin

Mrs. Mary Scarboro Jasmin, 88, of Wadesboro and Aiken, SC died Thursday, November 29, 2018, at her home in Aiken, SC.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jasmin were held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, in the chapel at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Mrs. Jasmin was born in Anson County on May 24, 1930, a daughter of the late Perley P. Scarboro and Mary Burns Scarboro. She attended Wadesboro Schools, and was a graduate of St. Mary's School in Raleigh and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Surviving are her husband, James Barker Jasmin Sr. of the home; her sons, James Barker Jasmin Jr. and wife Deirdre of Atlanta, GA, John Wiley Jasmin and wife Donna of Aiken and Wilson Jeffrey Jasmin and wife Polly of Gastonia, NC; her grandchildren, Matthew and Will Jasmin, both of Atlanta, Jennifer Jasmin of Nashville, TN, John Ross and Jay Jasmin of Aiken, McLean Jasmin of Raleigh, NC, Emily (Mrs. Curtis) Tresher of St. Louis, MO and Ted Jasmin of Gastonia.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Scarboro.

Mary's main interest in life was her family. She and her husband traveled often to be with their grandchildren. Her hobby was collecting antiques, especially eighteenth and nineteenth century decorative arts. She belonged to the North Carolina Folk Art Society, with an interest in pottery and outsider and self-taught art.

Her interest also included the retail department store business. She served as a director for the Belk-Scarboro Group which was started by her father.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

### Arts Council Puts Spotlight On Tommy Wooten

His play *A Christmas Story* is opening at the Ansonia this weekend

A native of North Carolina, Tommy Wooten has had a professional career that has spanned over 25 years. After studying theatre at Liberty University Wooten moved to Orlando, Florida and began working in various regional theatres. Favorite roles include Wally in *1940's Radio Hour* (Best Actor Award 1994, Ice House Theatre), Richard in *Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends* (Best Actor Award 2002 Orlando Fringe Festival), Adam in *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*, Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, Roy in *Lone Star* (Best Show 2001 Orlando International Fringe Festival) and Marty in *The House of Yes*.

In 1994 he became a contracted performer with Universal Studios where he performed in several shows over the next 15 years. He grew from performing to guest directing, and in 2007 was made Show Director of Talent Casting and Booking. In 2001 Wooten started his own theatre company, Pot Luck Productions, and produced several successful shows over the next eight years until he moved to NYC in 2009. There he performed Off-Broadway and won the Jack Lemmon Award for Best Actor for his role of Dr. Livingston in the hit show *Dragness of God*. Other NYC credits include *Zuly* and the *Last Place on Earth! The Ladies of Eola Heights* and a role in the original workshop cast for the new Off Broadway hit *Disenchanted*.

Wooten moved back to North Carolina in 2011, and soon began directing at the Ansonia Theatre. His shows have proven to be huge box office and critical successes, including *The Trip to Bountiful*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *Godspell* and most recently, a sold-out run of *Steel Magnolias*. In addition, he has directed *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Lone Star Laundry and Bourbon*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Blood Brothers*, *On Golden Pond*, *Commencement*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Annie*, *Graceland*, *Smoke on the Mountain*, *Big River*, *Our Town*, and is now has *A Christmas Story* opening this Friday, December 7.

Wooten also started a youth program at the Ansonia in 2014 with an 'Introduction to Theatre' Summer Camp, which has now grown to two separate workshops. The workshops culminate in an impressive production showcasing the students' own writing and acting skills.

The Ansonia theatre and the Anson County Arts Council released a statement about Wooten: "We are beyond blessed and lucky to have the amazing Tommy Wooten. Even though we can't imagine it at the time, each show really does get better than the last! We have become a destination, and are regarded as high quality theatre with not-to-be-missed productions ... and we couldn't have done it without Tommy! We love you, Tommy! The spotlight is on YOU!"

### A Christmas Story Opens at the Ansonia this Friday

The play *A Christmas Story* opens this Friday, December 7 at the Ansonia Theatre, and runs through Sunday, December 16. This beloved holiday classic is based on the movie of the same name. The memoir, written by Jean Shepherd, tells the story of nine year old Ralphie Parker and his quest to get his dream gift from Santa, a genuine Red Ryder BB gun.

Caleb Wilson makes his stage debut as Ralphie in what promises to be a dynamite performance. The story is told by grown-up Ralphie, played by Chip Long. Mark Traywick and Terra Medlock of Marshville play Ralphie's parents, and Tyson Leavitt of Wadesboro plays brother Randy. His best friends, Schwartz and Flick, are played by Greyson Helms of Wadesboro and Austin Taylor of Rockingham. Those ugh! girls are played by Lela Chaney (Helen Weathers) and Cali Green (Esther Jane Alberry). Isaac Clarke plays the infamous bully Scut Farkas. Ralphie's teacher, Miss Shields, is played by Elizabeth Pfeifer. Elizabeth is new to Wadesboro, having just moved here from the District of Columbia area.

There are only six performances: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. There are group rates for parties of 10 or more, so gather your friends and make it an evening out together. Tickets are selling fast so get yours before it's too late! Tickets can be purchased online at [ansoniateatre.com](http://ansoniateatre.com) or by calling the box office at 704-694-4950.

### Ansonia to Hold Auditions for *All Shook Up*

Tommy Wooten and the Ansonia Theatre will be holding auditions for the hit musical *All Shook Up*. This musical comedy features Elvis Presley songs put to the plot of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and set in the 1950's.

"We are looking for singers and actors of all ages and ethnicities," said Wooten. "Prepare a song that best showcases your voice."

For more information contact the Arts Council at 704-694-4950.

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