



Gregory "Schmitty" D. Schmitt

May 16, 1959 - October 1, 2025

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Gregory D. "Schmitty" Schmitt, age 66, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 12:35 a.m. on the first day of Bow Season, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Greg was born in Jasper, Indiana, on May 16, 1959, to Roman Jr. and Eleanor (Gehlhausen) Schmitt. He was a 1977 graduate of Jasper High School after being a lifelong Ireland Spud. He was also proud to remind everyone that Ireland made Jasper Greater.

Greg went on to work at Merkley and Sons as a butcher, then as a landscaper at Buschkoetter's Nursery and ended his career as a crew chief and a "proud gas man" at the City of Huntingburg Natural Gas Department, where he worked for 30 years.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, and the Ireland K of C Council #5581.

Anyone who knew Greg knew he was a proud family man, who loved to hunt, chop wood, pick on people, and watch MotorTrend. However, nothing made him happier than his grandsons. He would drop anything to hang out, teach,

or carry on his father's legacy by picking on them. They were truly his pride and joy.

He was an avid butcher and took pride in passing his knowledge of hunting, butchering, gardening, canning vegetables, and soup making onto his children and several nieces and nephews. We hope to make him proud with making more turnip kraut, deer steak, turtle soup (with no pickling spices), and bad decisions.

He also enjoyed his crosswords, watching I.U. football and basketball, Colts football, and St. Louis Cardinals baseball, all the while drinking an ice-cold Busch Light in his beloved man cave.

He was a self-proclaimed expert in Euchre. He will also be remembered by his quirky ways to save a buck, for example making his own biofuel and constructing the "Dr. Seuss" grass catcher. He was truly the jack-of-all trades, yet master of some.

Greg is survived by his wife of 35 years, Lucinda J. Schmitt, Ireland, IN, three children, Kami (Ethan) Hopf, Jasper, IN, Samantha (Tanner) Schmitt-Cundiff, Holland, IN, and Gavin (Kylie) Schmitt, Jasper, IN, three grandchildren, Reid and Elliot Hopf and Leeland Cundiff, nine siblings, Jane (John) Fischer, Schnellville, IN, Jim (Susan) Schmitt, Jasper, IN, Brenda (Jeff) Oser, Huntingburg, IN, Kevin (Candy) Schmitt, Ferdinand, IN, Curt (Debbie) Schmitt, Otwell, IN, Bruce (Natalie) Schmitt, Newark, CA, Jill (Pat) Bonifer, Velpen, IN, Bret (Amy) Schmitt, Zionsville, IN, and Stacy (Brad) Shepherd, Noblesville, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one infant brother, Joseph Schmitt, and his in-laws, Rev. S. Samuel and Mary "Ethel" Ohanian.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Gregory Schmitt will be held at 10:00 a.m. on

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you spend some time in nature and raise an ice-cold Busch Light in his honor or to Brothers for Veterans, K.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4071

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Knew and worked with Greg as a fine employee and Gas Crew Chief for many years at the City of Huntingburg...always professional, conscientious and a hard worker, plus liked by all. My sympathy and regards to Lucinda and family. -Mac

Mac McDonald - November 10, 2025 at 07:28 PM

KG

“ Loved spotting Greg in town with his Forrest Gump plate on the front of his truck... which also made me think of the fried chicken biofuel. He gave Jason and I the grand tour of his man cave. That was very special, lol. Back in the landline days when Kami and I would talk on the phone for hours, we'd sometimes hear Greg come on the line. He'd interject a few comments in our conversation. Half of the time it was just a laugh LOL He was always up for a laugh and that's how I'll remember him... with a smile!

Kelly Gelarden - October 10, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SH

“ I remember when Greg and Lucinda first got engaged. We were at a family event and I was kidding Greg and told him it will be great to have another Heritage Hills person in the family. He told me he felt like he hit the jackpot. He was so happy!

Shirley - October 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MW

“ So very sorry for your family's loss. The first time we made our turtle soup after Uncle Junie had passed. Greg came out and took his place. It meant so much to our family!! Love him so much ❤️

Marilyn Woolsey - October 07, 2025 at 10:21 PM

MP

“ Memories of Greg began as Jane’s little brother. More recently our family remembered Greg as the girls’ softball coach. We then proceeded through DI and then band. Many great times. Our prayers are with all the family.

Marie Patton - October 06, 2025 at 11:48 AM

SC

“ Prayers Lucinda, Sorry you Loss him.

Sandra Collignon - October 05, 2025 at 09:52 PM

SB

“ The few times that I was able to meet Greg he always had a smile on his face and could always make you laugh. All our prayers and thoughts for your family. Stacey and Rich



Stacey Bush - October 05, 2025 at 11:16 AM

MT

“ Talking to Greg after I mistakenly decided it was a good idea to celebrate St. Patrick’s day with Kami and Taylor in Ireland

Matt Thomas - October 04, 2025 at 10:04 PM

KH

Ohhh this memory physically hurt my liver lol

kami hopf - October 05, 2025 at 12:22 AM

DO

“ Our Aunt Mary, Lucinda’s mother, had a few parking accidents , and Greg had to fix the car port. Always a good laugh of those stories, and Greg always had a smile.

Diane & Tom Overby - October 04, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JH

“ Lucy I am so incredibly sorry for you and your family. Greg was a great husband, father and friend to many. I will never forget the fun time we had going to St Louis Cardinals game. We laughed so much, especially when Greg relieved himself in the parking garage. 🤔🤔🤔 He got the biggest collection of cups at the park to which you said not long ago that you still had. Greg was great to all his family, his kids, your nieces, nephews and all his friends. It was evident with the stories you shared. Continued prayers for you and your family. Life will be different now but Greg will live on in your memories and your life as long as you live. May God grant all of you peace and comfort as he wraps his everloving arms around you. Rest in peace Greg! You will be missed by many. Love your SHCC friends, Jeff & Debbie

Jeff Hagemeyer - October 04, 2025 at 04:03 PM

JA

Oh, Jeff. This is one of my favorite memories of Greg! The entire day he "was on" but this ending to the day was unforgettable! In all the times I was around Greg, I never saw him get mad or irritated. Including the time he and Lucy came into Jasper because I ran out of gas about two blocks from the gas station! Anyone who met and got to be around Greg is so lucky! He was so giving of his time and energy. His legacy lives on in his three children, who are also very kind people.

Janet - October 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JR

“ Some of my favorite memories with Greg include butchering hogs (all the way down to learning how to make pork cracklings), going raccoon hunting (and once picking up roadkill on the way home because, as Greg said, “Hey, it wasn’t there when we drove out, so it must be fresh”), and tackling countless home repair projects — from replacing toilets to fixing a cracked heat exchanger to refinishing hardwood floors.

Greg was basically an encyclopedia of how-to knowledge long before YouTube existed. How he knew how to do everything, I’ll never know. But what I’ll always remember most is his willingness to help me and Abbie — especially at our first house in Jasper, where he’d often swing by after work to check if the instructions he’d texted me made sense (and, let’s be honest, to make sure I hadn’t messed anything up).

That was just who Greg was — always ready to lend a hand, to teach, and to help others however he could.

Justin Rumbach - October 04, 2025 at 03:18 PM

AF

“ Aunt Lucinda and Uncle Greg were the “cool aunt and uncle”. I remember several times in middle and high school telling aunt Lucinda about some MAJOR issue and I would look over at uncle Greg and he would be rubbing his thumb and finger together telling me it was the worlds smallest violin playing a tune for my woes 😂😂

Amy Farmer - October 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DO

Our Aunt Mary, Lucinda’s mother, would have a few driving accidents and Greg would be fixing the car port. Always a laugh when we would visit, and Greg always had a smile.

Diane & Tom Overby - October 04, 2025 at 06:55 PM

KH

Greg, my brother inlaw was a saint 🙏 he treated my parents lovingly and in some situations I'm not sure I could have done the same. He always watched after me and the girls on our trips to Mom's. My favorite memory was in Ireland @the chicken place . Greg took my grandsons out to see the green lights outside the restaurant. I have a picture of the boys with Mom holding up shamrocks above her head. He also was responsible for supplying Mom with a flask of rum to spike her Diet Coke at Kristen's wedding 😞 I loved his garden stew in the man cave and he always provided the best turnips and turnip slaw for our Thanksgiving feast. I loved him from the first time I met him. We compared our upbringing's from our families. You will be greatly missed ❤️😞

Kathy Higginbotham - October 07, 2025 at 04:42 PM

JA

“ *Funny one for you. Here's a memory that will forever be burned into my head. Camping, coffee, picnic table, no underwear.....Remember that??!! i will never forget the fun we had on camping trips.*

Jane - October 04, 2025 at 01:55 PM

LS

That was a classic we often laughed about. We got the t-shirt too 😊

Lucinda Schmitt - October 04, 2025 at 02:44 PM

KH

Classic!!!! So funny. We will make sure that is never forgotten

kami hopf - October 05, 2025 at 12:23 AM

JH

“ *Our prayers for comfort, Lucy.*

Jon HarBison - October 04, 2025 at 10:59 AM

BU

“ *Beth Carl Underwood lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Schmitty" D. Schmitt*



Beth Carl Underwood - October 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM

AO

“ *So sorry Lucinda. With sympathy from the O'Brien family of Whitinsville, MA.*

Ann O'Brien - October 03, 2025 at 04:08 PM

PR

“ *always had time to say HI.....RIP, Schmitty*

patrick renner - October 03, 2025 at 11:38 AM