



## Lee A. Gress

April 7, 1929 - July 19, 2015

Dateline Ireland, Indiana

Lee A. Gress, age 86 of Ireland, Indiana passed away at 3:03 p.m. Sunday (July 19, 2015), in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Lee was born at home in Ireland, Indiana, on April 7, 1929 to Anton and Margaret (Lampert) Gress. He married Rita Fehribach on April 22, 1950 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

Lee was a lifetime farmer, who farmed for 75 years. He was also loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather to his 98 descendants.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, the Ireland K of C, where he was past president and Grand Knight, and the Ireland Lions Club, where he was past Treasurer. He was a founder and President of the Patoka Valley Upper Conservancy District. He was very active in 4-H, where he was a past President of the Extension Board, and a member of the Swine Committee. He was also on the advisory board of the FFA.

Lee and his wife, Rita, were awarded the Simon Brute award the first year it

was given.

He enjoyed carpentry, traveling, and visiting family.

Surviving,

Wife,

Rita Gress, Ireland, IN

Five daughters,

Carla Allbright, and her husband, David, Mitchell, IN

Becky Allbright, and her husband, Dwain, Huron, IN

Linda Huls, and her husband, Gregory, Littleton, CO

Marg Buechler, and her husband, Steve, Ireland, IN

Mary Waninger, and her husband, David, Chrisney, IN

Five sons,

Duane Gress, and his wife, Diane, Ireland, IN

Bob Gress, and his wife, Teresa, Jasper, IN

Pat Gress, and his wife, Cindy, Ireland, IN

Stan Gress, and his wife, Julie, Ireland, IN

Greg Gress, Denver, CO

33 Grandchildren

29 Great grandchildren

Four sisters,

Clara Mae Braunecker, Ireland, IN

Mitz Lanham, and her husband, Bob, Plainfield, IN

Naomi Gress, Jasper, IN

Diana Buechlein, and her husband Gene, Fischers, IN

One brother,

Wilfred Gress, and his wife Helen, Ireland, IN

One sister-in-law,

Judy Gress, Jasper, IN

Preceding him in death are two brothers, Rich and Virgil Gress.

Funeral services for Lee A. Gress will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday (July 24, 2015) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may call from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday (July 23, 2015) at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass

JUL **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Lee A. Gress

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I remember the first time I met Lee. I was so refreshed by his gentleness; obviously his strength of character. His wisdom too was evident in his choice of words and tone. What a lovely man, most definately a Patriarch...a man of God. As we spoke, I too recognized the love in his voice for his family and wife. And when he shook my hand, I couldn't ignore the strength of his grip. He was an outstanding example of a genuine hard working God fearing American man to his family and all others. He made my heart smile and I KNEW then that my daughter had found a beautiful family with which to share the rest of her life. Grateful for this man's blessings to the Gress family. ?*

Marilyn Sowder Adams - July 23, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ *Rita & Family you have my Sympathy*

Ryan Kempf - July 22, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ *Margie, I'm very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family, and I wish you all the strength and peace as you begin your "first year."*

Mike Keller - July 22, 2015 at 08:21 AM



“ I remember 45+ years ago driving to Indiana from Florida and spending time with all my Aunts, Uncles,& Cousins, but the best was on Uncle Lee's farm. Milking the cows, getting eggs from the chickens, the pigs, and just being on a farm. Lee was the host with the most. Lee and Rita and family welcomed us with open arms every time we came up. I then passed the tradition on to my son 5 years ago when he first visited and loved everything about the farm, especially the big tractors and the baby pigs(he wanted to take one home) You will be missed Uncle Lee more than you will ever know. God bless Lee and his family. We love all of you!!!

*Michael, Claudia, & John-Gabriel Fehribach*

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**Michael Fehribach** - July 21, 2015 at 08:31 PM

CN

“ So sorry for the Gress family loss. Such a wonderful and friendly man. Lee always had a smile on his face and so polite. He will be missed by many

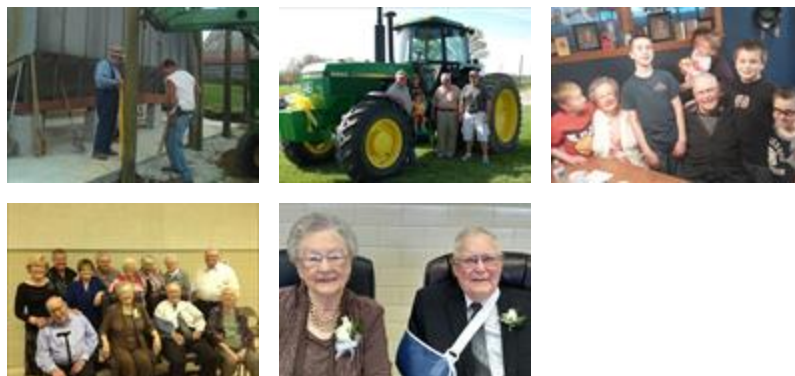
*Keith and Cindy Nicholson*

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**cindy nicholson** - July 21, 2015 at 06:52 PM

LJ

“ 6 files added to the album Family Photos



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**ljhuls** - July 21, 2015 at 12:16 PM

CA

“ We extend our condolences to the entire Gress Family. We remember the anniversary Mass with all the family members that were able to attend. This showed the real blessings of life with many memories to be cherished. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



*Camilla and John Allen*

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**Camilla Allen** - July 21, 2015 at 09:04 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Lee! He was a great man with high moral standards and a strong belief in God. I have always had a great deal of respect for him, Rita, and all their children for their strong Christian beliefs and values.

*I am sorry I will not be able to make it to the showing or funeral, but my love and prayers are with all of you and your family.*

*God bless  
Mary Linette*

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**Mary Linette** - July 21, 2015 at 04:55 AM

LS

“ My parents, my husband and I, and now our children, have always found Mr. Gress to be a very fair and honorable person to deal with. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Gress and all the family. Linda Richardson Sendelweck

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**Linda Sendelweck** - July 20, 2015 at 10:52 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Family Photos



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**ljhuls** - July 20, 2015 at 05:54 PM

DW

“ *Uncle Lee was such a strong figure in the younger Cousins. I remember going to Rita and Lee's Farm in my youngest of days w/ my mother Dolores, and have such a fun time dragging toys from the toy closet. Also, I remember discussing my Farmall C tractor at my father's funeral with Uncle Lee. Such a comfort he was at that time, to talk to someone who compared closely to my fathers personality.*

*To the Gress Family and Aunt Rita, You're all in our thoughts in Prayers.*

*Deann (Wilson) Wolfe.*

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**Deann Wilson Wolfe** - July 20, 2015 at 02:48 PM