



Virgil M. Gress

April 4, 1945 - May 23, 2015

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Virgil M. Gress, age 70 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:14 p.m. on Saturday (May 23, 2015) at the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Virgil was born in Jasper, Indiana on April 4, 1945 to Anton and Margaret (Lampert) Gress. He married Judy Schlachter on April 8, 1967 in St. Meinrad Catholic Church in St. Meinrad, Indiana.

Virgil was the co-founder and president of Kitchen Jewels, Inc. in Jasper, Indiana. He served as the past president of the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer, and was a member of the Jasper American Legion Post #147.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister, the Jasper Knights of Columbus, the Jasper Optimist Club, and a Past President of the Jasper German Club. He and his wife Judy served as the host and hostess of the Jasper Strassenfest.

He enjoyed golfing, boating, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving,

Wife;

Judy Gress, Jasper, Indiana

Two sons;

Darren Gress and wife Pam, Jasper, IN

Dale Gress and wife Micki, Jasper, IN

Six Grandchildren;

Emily, Abby and Evan Gress, and Jade, Lexi, and Will Gress.

Four Sisters;

Clara Mae Braunecker, Ireland, IN

Mitz Lanham and husband Bob, Plainfield, IN

Naomi Gress, Jasper, IN

Diane Buechlein and husband Gene, Fischers, IN

Two Brothers;

Lee Gress and wife Rita, Ireland, IN

Wilfred Gress and wife Helen, Ireland, IN

Preceding him in death was one brother Rich Gress.

Funeral services for Virgil M. Gress will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday (May 29, 2015) at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, IN, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

Friends may call from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday (May 28, 2015) at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper and one hour before the 10 a.m. service time at Holy Family Catholic Church. The Holy Family Parish will pray a rosary at 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 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

Visitation

MAY 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Mass

MAY 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil M. Gress*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the loss of your husband, father, brother and grandfather.*

VU Alumni and Foundation Staff - June 01, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *Left quite a legacy... Our condolences to all of you. Godspeed, Brian S. & Joan M. Knies*

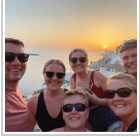
Joan Knies - May 30, 2015 at 07:18 AM



“ *Thank you Virgil and Judy for all the many wonderful times we had together! What a kind and generous couple you both are. Such a gentleman to everyone who met you, but most of all the love you showed to Judy was inspirational. It was wonderful to see the love that made your marriage so beautiful. And like a devoted spouse, you helped guide Judy when she needed you the most. You will be greatly missed by everyone who had the great privilege of knowing you. Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to Judy and the entire Gress family.*

Ann & Brian Rohrer

Ann Rohrer - May 28, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ I sincerely appreciate everyone's kind comments. I always knew Dad had touched many lives, but it is even more evident now. The last 2 weeks have been incredibly hard, but I will always cherish being able to spend this time with Dad before he passed. Many family and friends were able to visit or call Dad during this time, and we heard story after story about the good times and hard times that shaped his life. Mom is coping as well as can be expected. She and Dad were truly soul mates who loved each other "to the moon and back" as Mom always said. I looked up to Dad as a role model and I miss him dearly, but I know he is looking out for us now from a better place.

Love Always,
Darren and Family

Darren Gress - May 27, 2015 at 09:59 PM

VA

“ Sorry Aunt Judy, Darren, and Dale for your loss. I will always remember Uncle Virgil with a smile on his face. Always friendly, always fun to be around. I hope he's hanging out with my mom and dad in heaven having a good time. -Valerie Gress Couture

Valerie - May 27, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DB

“ I say goodbye with a heavy heart. But to see the courage and grace my brother showed in his last days (in pain) was amazing. To witness the love of his wife Judy and his sons Darren and Dale and their wives Pam and Micki was beautiful. He loved them and his Grandchildren and showed them how to live a good life. Will miss you, my go to guy. See you on the other side. Diane and Gene Buechlein

Diane Buechlein - May 26, 2015 at 08:37 PM

GH

“ Judy, Darren, Dale and family,

We befriended Virgil & Judy on the Fatima & Lourdes European trip in 2008. They were full of fun & laughter, & just drew us in. We soon became fast friends sharing birthday celebrations, Christmas visits, eating out, and quick spur of the moment adventures.....sometimes we just took off with no destination in mind. We were fortunate to share our joys, sorrows, concerns, pictures, & everything under the sun with them. We were always uplifted whenever we were together, no matter how stressful our lives were. But most of all, we loved them both.....they felt like family

It is with a very heavy heart that we say Goodbye to our beloved friend, Virgil. What a wonderful, loving husband, father, & Grandfather we saw in him! How lucky you, the family, are to have shared your years with himhe loved Judy to the moon & back, put others before him, never said an unkind word, & always had a smile on his face! He was a very special man and we will miss him greatly! Our only regret is that we didn't know him sooner.....we were truly blessed to have him in our life. God speed, Virgil! We can envision your response to your heavenly home, "Wow!"

All our love and deepest sympathy to one of the kindest families we have ever known!

Gene & Donna Humbert. and Ginger sends her "woof"

Gene & Donna Humbert - May 26, 2015 at 05:02 PM

BD

“ We were privileged to spend many times with Virgil and Judy on travel and celebrating each others birthdays! We miss him...

bob and sharon dilger - May 26, 2015 at 10:06 AM

MM

“ A truly great man...he loved his life, family and friends. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure to have known him. Heaven will receive his soul. Your family is in my prayers.

Mike Mitchell - May 26, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss Dale. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Jake and Katie Bower

Jake Bower - May 26, 2015 at 09:24 AM

DG

“ He was a great man and even a better mentor for not only me, but many others too. I was so lucky to be able to call him dad. He had a great love for his family and his friends. You will be missed by all of us!!!

Love always and forever,
Dale

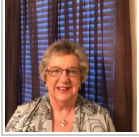
Dale Gress - May 26, 2015 at 08:12 AM

DL

“ Sorry for the passing of Virgil.



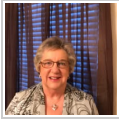
Donna Linette - May 26, 2015 at 07:18 AM



“ *Belinda Rasche lit a candle in memory of Virgil M. Gress*



Belinda Rasche - May 26, 2015 at 06:07 AM



Judy our hearts go out to you. Gary and Linda

Belinda Rasche - May 26, 2015 at 06:08 AM



“ *Always a smile and always positive. Virgil was a very kind and sincere man and always offered cheerful thoughts. God's light shown though him.*



Glenn Weil - May 26, 2015 at 02:47 AM

CJ

“ *Cindy Johns lit a candle in memory of Virgil M. Gress*



cindy johns - May 25, 2015 at 05:00 PM