



Wilfred L. "Wif" Gress

January 13, 1931 - January 21, 2026

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Wilfred L. "Wif" Gress, age 95 of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 10:11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Wif was born in Ireland, Indiana on January 13, 1931, to Anton and Margaret (Lampert) Gress. He married Helen C. Begle on May 10, 1952 in St. Henry Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on January 3, 2017.

He was a 1949 graduate of Ireland High School, where he was point-guard for the basketball team.

Wif was a lifelong dairy farmer in Ireland, Indiana. After retirement, he worked part time for the Dubois County Highway Dept.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, where he served on the church council and taught religion classes.

Wif was a member of the Ireland Knights of Columbus where he served as a Grand Knight. He was also a member and past president of the Ireland Lions Club, and past president of the Dubois County 4-H Council. He was also a member of Ireland Sportsman's Club, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Ireland Historical Society, and the Dubois County German Club.

He enjoyed racoon hunting, bowling league, playing cards with his friends, being a teller of tall tales and weather forecasting, and spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving is one daughter, Cindy Vogt (Mike), Jasper, six sons; Steve Gress (Becky), Indianapolis, Terry Gress (Susan), Ireland, Mike Gress (Debbie), Ireland, Ken Gress (Jami), Jasper, Dave Gress (Marilyn), Princeton, and Dan Gress (Molly), Evansville, 22 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mitz Lanham, Plainfield, IN, and Diane Buechlein (Gene), Fishers, IN, and one sister-in-law, Judy Gress, Jasper.

Preceding him in death besides his wife were two sisters; Clara Mae Braunecker, and Naomi Gress, three brothers; Richard, Virgil, and Lee Albert Gress, and one daughter-in-law, Karen Gress.

Funeral services for Wilfred L. "Wif" Gress will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 8:30 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul, or a favorite charity.

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

JAN 29. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *First gob of putting up hay*



Brian Bachman - May 08 at 11:08 AM

RS

“ *Cindy I have you in my thoughts and prayers. I thought the world of your dad. I was just so happy to keep taking him his bowls of chili to work. He was so pleasant to talk to you. He will be greatly missed.*

Rose Schitter - January 27 at 07:27 PM

JE

“ *The best neighbor one could have, he is and will always be missed. Rich & Jeanie Eckert and family!*

Jeanie Eckert - January 27 at 06:40 AM

KB

“ *Prayers to the Gress family; glad we got to see him in November when we were down.*

kathy and jerome begle - January 26 at 03:24 PM

CH

“ *My sympathies to Dan and family. Mr. Gress was such a wonderful man.*

Chris Hoferlin - January 25 at 06:24 AM

PM

“ *Sympathies to the Gress family for your loss.*

Patrick Mendel - January 24 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ *He still lives in your hearts. I remember Terry, Mike, Cindy, Ken, Dave, and Dan from 4-H a LONG time ago. You all are his legacy. Prayers to you all.*
Jeff Small

Jeff Small - January 23 at 08:50 PM

PR

“ *Patrick Renner lit a candle in memory of Wilfred L. "Wif" Gress*



patrick renner - January 23 at 06:15 PM

PR

“ *i grew up seeing Wif and the family down in the old neighborhood.....a very good man...always friendly willing to help if you needed it.....thoughts and prayers to the whole family,especially my old classmate Mike.....RIP Wif*

patrick renner - January 23 at 06:14 PM



“ *Rest in peace Wif,, A few weeks ago I visited you said do not forget me.. LITTLE did i know You would not be here very long... I will miss your sly smile and your humor.. Your family has my sympathy...*

Gail Schnaus - January 23 at 03:24 PM

DH

“ wif certainly was on the Ireland Spuds Basketball team, his coach,Roy Allen called him the electric hacking machine. The "Gym" at that time was the 1885 Ireland Presbyterian church that stood where the west parking lot of the Ireland Elementary School is now. The team would dress in the old 1915 Ireland High School, then run across the road to the "Gym." It wasn't until 1949 that the Spuds had a regulation Gym. Rest in peace Wif-from another Ireland Spud
D. "Junie" Himsel.

D. "Junie" Himsel - January 23 at 11:36 AM

JW

“ Dan and Molly, so very sorry for the loss of your father. What a long life he had. I never met him but he sounds like he was a wonderful man and loved by many. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Joyce and Bobby Wicks

Joyce Wicks - January 23 at 09:33 AM

SS

“ Rest in Peace Uncle Wif. A very loved Uncle who had a special way of letting us know we were all under his watchful and caring eye while on this earth. Sympathy to his family.
Stacy Smith

Stacy Smith - January 22 at 11:36 PM

ML

“ So sorry for the passing of your Father and Grandfather, Wif!



Mike and Donna Linette - January 22 at 10:22 PM