



## R. Lee Grigsby

April 23, 1935 - March 13, 2025

R. Lee Grigsby, 89, of Warsaw, Indiana passed peacefully on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at his residence. Lee was born on April 23, 1935 in Orange County, Indiana to the late Hugh and Marie (Moffitt) Grigsby.

He was raised near French Lick until the age of 6. That summer his family, which included his younger sister, moved to the Peru area. He was a 1953 graduate of Butler High School.

The family lived on Westleigh Farms, the home of Cole Porter. His dad ran the farm. He served in the National Guard from 1953 to 1962, leaving with the rank of SFC. Lee drove truck and then worked for REMC of Peru for 9 years as a lineman, JT&S for 7.5 years as a training and safety instructor for REMC's, and Kosciusko County REMC.

He then married on August 18, 1978 in the Olive Branch Church to Judy J. Hartman Howard. They blended their families together. Lee retired from REMC in 1998 as the Operations Director. For the last many years, Lee and Judy spent their winters at Lake Okeechobee and Moore Haven, Florida. He had been a member of the Indiana Sheriffs Association, Indiana State Police Alliance, Warsaw Moose, Warsaw Elks, the NRA, and the Warsaw Pistol Club.

He is survived by his wife Judy Grigsby of Warsaw; children Susan and husband David Clemons of Peru, Nancy Williams of Bunker Hill, Mark Howard of Warsaw, and Lisa and husband John McIntire of Warsaw, and Kyle Howard of Michigan; 9 Grandchildren; and 10 Great Grandchildren; a sister Nancy and husband Kenny Walls of Alexandria. Lee was preceded in death by his parents.

The memorial service for Lee will be held at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. The services for Lee can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/dRVt5yyhNPg>

His interment will take place following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial visitation will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Beaman Home 603 Parker St, Warsaw, IN 46581.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of R. Lee Grigsby

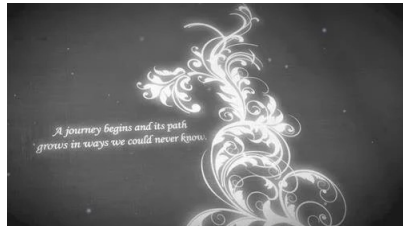


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Hartzler Funeral Services - April 23, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of R. Lee Grigsby



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Hartzler Funeral Services - April 17, 2025 at 01:34 PM

KH

“ Big Lee - So many people were right to say that Lee was a “Great Guy” while he was, I would say he was good to my Mom. He came into our lives in 1978, in a town where everyone peers over the fence. He accepted all of us and he was without question, the best thing that ever happened to my Mom. Lee was so many things. He was calm natured and a Gentle Giant, given his large build. During my entire time growing up I can't remember a time where he ever raised his voice at us kids. You'd think he would have given he had to deal with Mark & Lisa!!! He was a good listener, asked good questions when trying to solve a problem. He was well read and a hard worker. He was fiercely loyal to the REMC. Many a night he was called out into a storm to face the dangers of restoring power for others. He taught us all his strong work ethic and good nature. He was without question, the best Step Father that anyone could ever have imagined having. His laughter could fill a room. I'm so thankful to the Fitzgerald's and the folks from the Corvette Club who were his trusted pals. If you were lucky enough to know Lee, your life was made better for it. Not everyone we cross paths with in life makes us better, but Lee Grigsby left a positive impact on everyone he knew. It's sad that Lee's time on earth has ended, but there's no doubt that his legacy and memory will live on in each of us that we're lucky enough to have known him.

*Love You - Big Lee ....May you forever rest in peace....*

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**Kyle Howard** - April 23, 2025 at 11:14 PM

MP

“ Melinda Pratt lit a candle in memory of R. Lee Grigsby

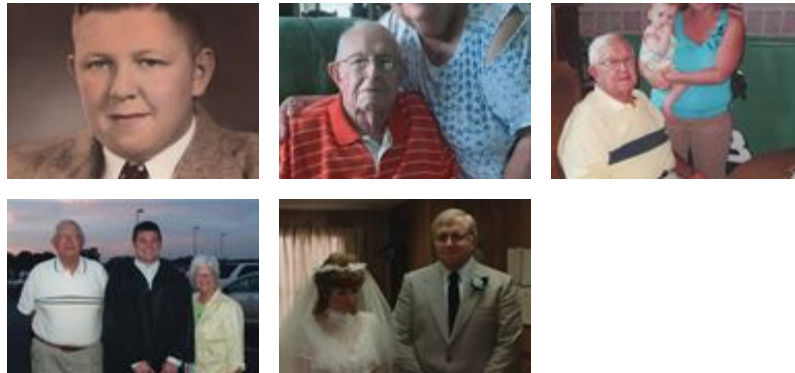


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**Melinda Pratt** - April 21, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 17, 2025 at 01:32 PM

SB

“ Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of R. Lee Grigsby



Shirley Bickel - April 16, 2025 at 06:29 AM

JE

“ Lee is a memory of mine from the past when he and Judy were friends with my parents, Jon and Judy Elkins of Martinsville. My parents always spoke so highly of Lee and Judy I feel like I knew them. I will be in Texas on the 23rd so I cannot attend the memorial. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your family's loss.

Jon Elkins - April 15, 2025 at 10:20 AM

AC

“ Mrs. Grigsby, we are so sorry to learn of the Mr.'s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Ken and Alice Carroll (Jeff & Lisa's Uncle and Aunt)*

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**Alice Carroll** - March 20, 2025 at 03:58 PM

HH

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear that Lee has passed. He was a great man and you both were a great couple to run around with. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.



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**HELEN HANEY** - March 17, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JH

“ Sorry Judy to hear of your husbands passing. My Prayers are for you and all the family.

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**Joyce Herendeen** - March 15, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LW

“ I met Lee and Judy at Warsaw Community Church in the adult Sunday School Class. I have many memories of the fun, social times of our class and the great teaching that we received on Sundays. I enjoyed Judy’s mother, Eva, when she was a resident at Miller’s Assisted Living. Judy was a faithful daughter as she supported and cared for her mom, and was amazing as the care giver to Lee in their home. My husband and I have visited Lee in their home as his health failed. Lee loved to talk about their years of enjoyment of their Corvette and the good times they had with a Corvette Club. Prayers of comfort, peace and hope are extended to Judy and their family at the loss of Lee. I am confident that we will see him in heaven!

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**Lynn Wilkey** - March 15, 2025 at 08:36 AM

GH

“ I worked with Lee at Kos co. REMC for more than twenty years lots of memories.he had a good heart! Gary Hurd

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**Gary Hurd** - March 14, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of R. Lee Grigsby



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**Judy Walgamuth** - March 14, 2025 at 04:32 PM

SG

“ Judy I am so sorry. You are in my thoughts and prayers, my sympathy and love, Shirley

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**Shirley M Gray** - March 14, 2025 at 04:19 PM

KH

*Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I send my deepest sympathy. Karen Heltzel*

**Karen Heltzel** - March 15, 2025 at 10:56 AM

WF

“ *With love, the Higgins/ Kurowski family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of R. Lee Grigsby.*



**With love, the Higgins/ Kurowski family** - March 14, 2025 at 03:43 PM

TP

“ *On many winter days, our first sight when walking out our door, would be our next door neighbor Lee, soaking in the Florida sunshine. We will miss that daily greeting! We are so sad to hear of Lee's passing; but comforted to know that it was peaceful and at home. May the Good Shepherd wrap His arms around Judy and family. May memories help you smile through the tears*  
*Terry & Caddie Pontius*

**Terry & Caddie Pontius** - March 14, 2025 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss Judy, we enjoyed our adventures with the Corvette Club and knowing Lee really enjoyed Corvettes and riding along!*  
*Hugs and love*  
*Dan and Chris Bixler*



**Chris Bixler** - March 14, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JS

“ Judy , so sorry to hear of Lee’s passing . We fondly remember all of the good times we had over the years . Lee was a good person , and we know he’ll be greatly missed . God bless you through these difficult times. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Jon and Linda Smith

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**Jon Smith** - March 14, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss Judy, You are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Shirley Bickel** - March 13, 2025 at 05:31 PM