



Steven W. Gaines

August 16, 1950 - October 13, 2025

Steven W. Gaines, age 75, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2025.

He was born on August 16, 1950, in Rensselaer, IN, the son of Ward and Jane (Lowry) Gaines. Steve was a 1968 graduate of Rensselaer High School. On September 19, 1981, he married the love of his life, Diana L. Carlile, and she survives.

Steve was a lifelong self-employed farmer until his retirement. He was deeply rooted in his community and took pride in his work and the land he cared for. He enjoyed participating in and watching tractor pulls, snowmobiling with friends, and spending time outdoors. In his younger years, Steve loved riding motorcycles and playing cards with friends. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family, especially his beloved grandson, Caleb.

He is survived by his loving wife, Diana; daughters, Sarah (Rob) Hintz of Gainesville, FL, and Jenny (Robbie) Tirey of Winamac, IN; grandson, Caleb Tirey; sisters, Susan Gaines and Sally (Earl) Dobson, both of Rensselaer; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

A Time of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jasper County Fair Association, 2671 W. Clark Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

Previous Events

A Time of Remembrance

OCT **18**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Ralph & Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Ralph & Lisa Pizer - November 01, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RP

“ *Ralph And Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Ralph and Lisa Pizer - October 22, 2025 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ *Roger And Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Roger and Vicki Steffen - October 20, 2025 at 10:50 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Martha Langley - October 20, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing . We were out of town Saturday, but we have you in our thoughts and prayers 🙏



Larry and Judy Koebcke - October 19, 2025 at 11:47 PM

DL

“ Susie & Sally and all of Steve's Family, We send our sincere sympathy to you on Steve's passing. May you hold your memories close in your heart and may God, your friends and your family wrap you in love and give you comfort and peace. Love, Dorrie

Dorrie Gilbert Lefler - October 19, 2025 at 07:38 PM

ML

“ Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines



marilyn lowry - October 17, 2025 at 01:48 PM

GB

“ Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines



Gloria Baier - October 16, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DS

“ *Doug Studer lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Doug Studer - October 15, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DW

“ *In sympathy. Don & Glorta Waymouth*



Don & Glori a Waymouth. - October 15, 2025 at 05:06 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Denise Wilkins - October 15, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Rebecca Chastain - October 15, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JS

“ *Sincere sympathy to the family.*

Judy Smith - October 15, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Jerry Miller - October 15, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LE

Thoughts and prayers of the families of Steve Gaines.

Lois Evers - October 15, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *I remember Steve from growing up "in the neighborhood". The first time he came to our house, with Ward, after the kitchen was remodeled, he tried to walk through a doorway that had been closed in. It was so funny!*

Cindy Stath - October 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ *Cindy Stath lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines*



Cindy Stath - October 15, 2025 at 01:54 PM

ML

“ Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines



marilyn lowry - October 15, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LZ

“ Prayers to Diana and Family
Lori Zeider



Lori Zeider - October 15, 2025 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines



Dale Huhn - October 15, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ Joe & Linda Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Steven W. Gaines



Joe & Linda Gebhart - October 15, 2025 at 12:18 PM