

# Happy Birthday Gladys!!



Today, May 29th—  
Wish cousin Gladys a  
Happy Birthday for  
88 years of living!

1. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S great-grandson (he is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Name:**  
David Davis and Family

**Message:**  
Happy Birthday 🍰 Gladys



*Dave and his wife Stephanie have 4 children and they all live in Cleveland, Ohio. Dave has five brothers! And one little sister. He was born in 1976, and his grandma, Barbara Leisz Davis (1905-1966), is a first cousin of your mom's. Barbara attended school in Turtle Lake with your mom and Uncle Edward!*

2. From Leisz Brother LEOPOLD'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Name:**  
Donna Leisz Draeger

**Message:**  
Happy Birthday Gladys !!!



*Donna Leisz Draeger was at our Family Reunions in 2002 and 2018. She was born in 1947, and has two brothers and a sister. Their father Alfred Joseph Leisz (1920-2000) lost his mother when he was just 11 years old. So he went to Chicago to live with Leisz relatives, remained there, married, had a family, and was a Chicago police officer.*

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3. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S great-grandson (he is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Name:**

Chris Hayden

**Message:**

WOW!! WOW!! WOW!! Happy birthday Gladys! Hope this next year is full of good surprises and a ton of fun, laughter and love!

Love, the Hayden Family in Hayward, California (near Oakland), grandson of Joseph Leisz who lived in Cleveland, Ohio.



Chris and his wife Maria have 2 children. Chris is the oldest of four brothers and one sister, who were all raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in 1969, and his grandpa, Joseph Francis Leisz (1910-1993), is a first cousin of your mom's, who also attended school in Turtle Lake with your mom and Uncle Edward. His grandpa Joe was a Cleveland Firefighter, and was the firstborn son of your great-uncle Joseph Leisz. Chris' mom is a Leisz—Francine Leisz Hayden, born in 1944.

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4. From Leisz Brother JOHN'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Name:**

Sharon L Droege

**Message:**

Happy Birthday, Gladys! My grandfather was John Leisz, and his daughter, Agnes, was my mother. You probably never met them. I'm amazed at how many members there are in this Leisz family! It's like a huge maze :)



Sharon Louise Donatelle Droege enjoys Arizona in the winter, then returns to Wisconsin in the summer. She was born in St. Paul, MN in 1943, and is the eldest living member of our JOHN Branch of the Family (although she doesn't like to think about that!) She mentions here that her grandfather was John Leisz (1895-1977), he is the son of the original John Leisz (1861-1939). Sharon's dad died in 1957 when he was just 39 years old. Her mom, Agnes Leisz Donatelle, lived until 1994 to age 70. Sharon and her husband Ken have three kids—Kim, Kelly and Ken. Sharon and her family have been to our Leisz Family Reunions.



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5. From Leisz Brother FRANK'S great-grandson (he is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Name:**  
Wes Nicholson

*John Wesley Nicholson's grandma is Louise Leisz Baltozer (1912-1998), daughter of Leisz Brother Frank. Louise had three daughters, one of them Roberta, who is Wes's mom. This branch of our family lives in Evansville, IN. Wes was at our 2018 reunion.*



**Message:**  
Gladys,  
Have a great Birthday.  
Keep up the training. 89 won't be much easier.  
Wes

6. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

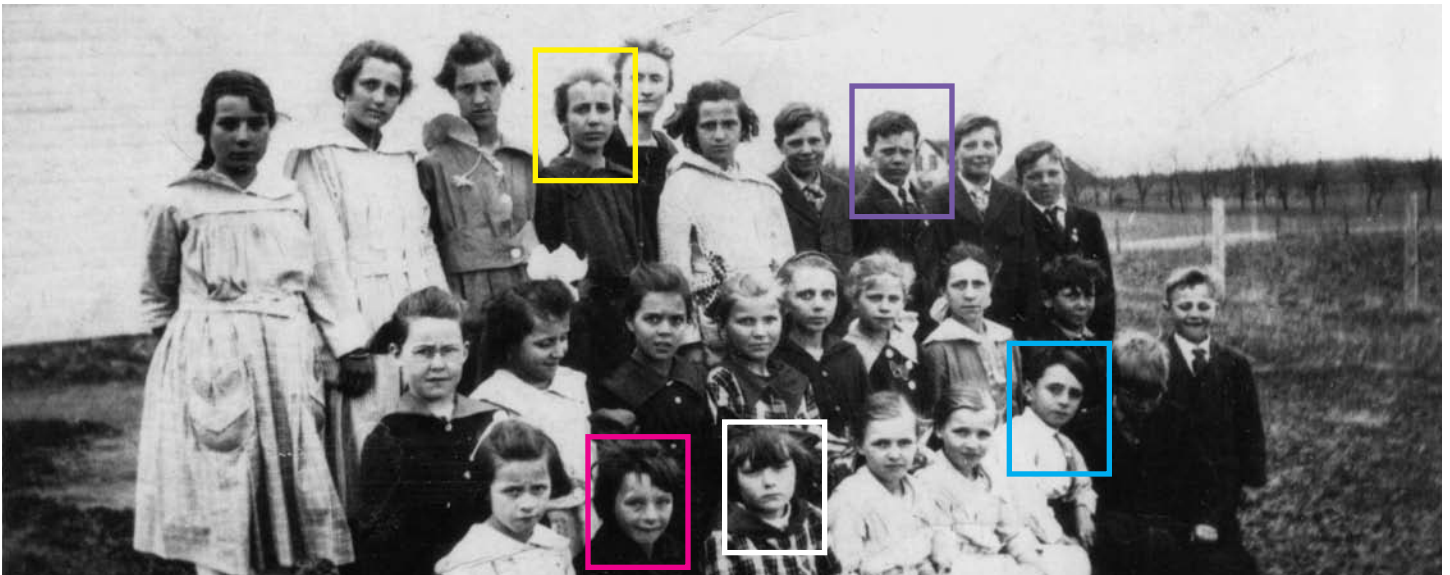
**Name:**  
Ann O'Malley

*Annie Mathews O'Malley is one of NINE children —5 girls and 4 boys of Mary Lou Davis Mathews (b. 1934). Annie's grandma was a Leisz— Barbara Leisz Davis (1905-1966). Annie is a first cousin of #1 here, Dave Davis. Dave and Annie's grandma is Barbara Leisz Davis, and she is one of the family members who attended school in Turtle Lake with your mom and Uncle Edward. Small world!*



**Message:**  
Happy Birthday Gladys! I am Mary Lou Davis Mathews daughter from Ohio. Wishing you a wonderful Birthday and many blessings throughout this year!  
Fondly,  
Annie O'Malley

*Annie's grandma Barbara Leisz Davis (yellow frame), your mom Rosalia Leisz Wagner (pink frame), and your uncle Edward Leisz (blue frame). Katie Leisz Rudd (white frame) is the grandma of #14 here, and your mom's first cousin. Joseph Francis Leisz (purple frame) is father of #7 here, and grandfather of #3. Purple and yellow are siblings. This is 8th Grade Graduation at White Clover School, May 1, 1918. For more on this photo see <http://leiszfamily.com/fun-facts>*



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7. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin):

**Name:**

Karen Crandall

*Karen Leisz Crandall (b. 1950) has two children with husband Steve. She is one of NINE children of Joseph Francis Leisz (1910-1993), firstborn son of Leisz Brother Joseph. Karen is an aunt to #3 Chris Hayden, and she and her hubby traveled 750 miles to be at both Leisz Family Reunions—in 2002 and 2018.*



**Message:**

Happy 88th Birthday Gladys! Enjoy your special day, from Karen (Leisz) Crandall, Lakewood, Ohio

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8. From Leisz Brother ANTON'S grandson (he is your 2nd cousin):

**Your Name:**

Pat Wick

*Patrick Wick's mom is one of ELEVEN children of Leisz Brother Anton (1880-1942). His mom Gladys Leisz Wick (1924-2010) was born in Turtle Lake and raised her family there...she stayed put. Three of her sisters, however, went to California in the 1940s and 50s and lived most of their lives there. Pat and wife Sue live in Turtle Lake.*



**Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

Happy Birthday Gladys. May this birthday find you safe and in good health.

Pat Wick

Oldest son of Gladys Leisz Wick, daughter of Anton Leisz

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9. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Your Name:**

Christine Long



**Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

What a wonderful milestone, have a very Happy Birthday; I am the granddaughter of Barbara Leisz Davis, daughter of Joseph Leisz. Stay healthy. Praying for Minnesota.

*Christine Mathews Long with her mom, Mary Lou Davis Mathews. Chris' maternal grandmother is the girl in the school photo with the yellow frame—Barbara Leisz Davis. Chris lives in Pittsburgh with husband Dave and three sons and three daughters. Chris was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a sister of #6 Anne Mathews O'Malley, and first cousin of #1 Dave Davis.*



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10. From Leisz Brother JOSEPH'S great-grandson (he is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):



**Your Name:**  
Joseph M Leisz

*There were—and are—many Joseph Leisz's in our family. Five of them are above, starting with Leisz Brother Joseph at far left, and his descendants named after him. This birthday message to Gladys is from Joseph Leisz b. 1974 above. Joe attended both Leisz Family Reunions, 2002 and 2018, and his dad Bob Leisz drove 2000 miles with wife Josie to be at the 2018 reunion. Joe lives in Ames, Iowa with son Michael. Joe's grandpa Joseph Francis Leisz is the purple-framed photo in #6 here. His Aunt Karen is #7 here, and his first cousin is #2 here, Chris Hayden.*

## **Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

Happy Happy 88th to you, Gladys! Hope you have an incredible day and enjoy another great around the sun. Stay safe and healthy -- Cheers!

11. From MARY LEISZ MINNICHSOFFER'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Your Name:**  
Sandra Reuter

## **Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

Happy Birthday Gladys! Hope it is a merry day for you. From your Minnichsofer cousin from Reno



*Your grandpa Michael had one sister who had a family—Mary Leisz Minnich-soffer (1862-1903). Mary had 7 children before she died of pneumonia at age 42. One of her 7 children was Tracy Minnichsoffer Klingelhoets (1897-1942), who is the grandma of Sandra Reuter, the sender of these wishes. She lives in Reno, NV and is shown here with her sisters at the 2018 Family Reunion.*

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12. From Leisz Brother FRANK'S granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin):

**Your Name:**

Sandra Carelius

## **Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

Happy Birthday Gladys. I hope that you have a "special" day celebrating your 88th birthday. I live in Victoria, British Columbia. My mother, Marion Podd ( Leisz) was the daughter of Frank Leisz. My mother moved to Thunder Bay, Ontario.

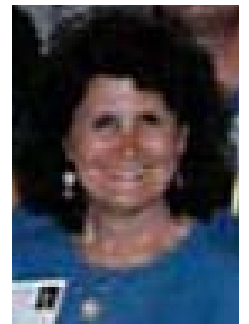
Have a great celebration, 🍰🥳🎉🎁! Hugs, Sandra



*Sandra Podd Carelius is the granddaughter of your grandpa's brother Frank Leisz. Sandra's mom was Frank's firstborn daughter Mary Leisz Podd. Mary left Turtle Lake, where she was born, to become a hair stylist in Canada, and ended up meeting her husband Sonny there and raising her two daughters. Sandra is shown here at the 2018 Family Reunion with her sister Gail Podd Brubacher. The girls are joined by their first cousins Stuart Joseph Leisz (b. 1931) at left, and Allen Joseph Leisz (b. 1945) at right. Sandra traveled the furthest to be at the Leisz Family Reunion in 2018—more than 2,000 miles from her home in Victoria, British Columbia, which is at the far west coast of Canada!*

13. From Leisz Brother ANTON'S granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin):

**Mary Rita Scott** Happy Birthday Gladys. Today is also John Anthony Leisz's Birthday. He was born on May 29, 1948. My brother, John Anthony, is the son of Albert Leisz and the grandson of Anton one of the original 6 Leisz brothers. His middle name, Anthony, is for his Grandfather Anton Leisz.



*Mary Rita Leisz Scott is shown here at the 2002 Leisz Family Reunion. She lives in Upper New York State and is one of 7 children born to Albert Paul Leisz (1916-1998), youngest son of Leisz Brother Anton. Al was a first cousin of your mom's. Rita and her husband Ray attended the 2002 Reunion, along with their son Rob. Rita was born in 1945 in New York, NY, as her father served as a dentist in the Navy during WWII and beyond.*



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14. From Leisz Brother LEOPOLD'S great-granddaughter (she is your 2nd cousin 1X removed):

**Your Name:**

Leslie Kay Crawford

*Leslie Kay Crawford with her grandma  
Kay Leisz Rudd, June 25, 1994 in Lake Nebagamon,  
Wisconsin. Kay is your mom's first cousin,  
and is shown as a little girl with the white frame  
around her in the school photo on page 3—she's  
sitting right next to your mom in this photo!*



**Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

Happy birthday Gladys! I hope you have a wonderful birthday.

I am a great-granddaughter of Leopold Leisz. His youngest daughter, Catherine (Kay) (Leisz) Rudd was my maternal grandmother & Billie Lois (Rudd) Crawford was my mother. I bet you met my mother & grandmother.

Much love & continued healthfulness to you & celebrate!

Leslie Kay

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15. From MARY LEISZ MINNICHSOFFER'S great-grandson (he is your 2nd cousin 1x removed):

**Your Name:**

Rick Reuter

*Rick is shown at far right in the photo below from our 2018 Family Reunion. His son Ryan is the young man in this photo. And one of Rick's four sisters, Sandra Reuter, is shown at far left, and another sister Teri Reuter Magyar, is next to him. Shown here also is Jan Rondeau, a cousin who helped them win the Hank Leisz Bowling Trophy at the reunion. Rick lives out in Washington state, and moved all over when he and his siblings were young, as their dad was in the military. There's a fun story about Rick and his family on our website at <http://leiszfamily.com/mary> (scroll down on this page for the story about the Reuters sailing the ocean on their way to Germany as teenagers).*

**Your Birthday Message to Gladys:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Girl.

Are you going Horse racing 🐎?



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## MORE FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!



**Bill Craven**  
10 mutual friends



**Alicia Cooksey**  
2 mutual friends



**Charles Hayden**  
26 mutual friends



**Karl Pucher**  
18 mutual friends



**Barb Lombard**  
1 mutual friend



**Shelby Broker**  
4 mutual friends



**Valerie Eckblad**



**Gail Rudolph Furman**  
1 mutual friend



**Crystal Satnik**  
1 mutual friend



**Nanci Bohmer**  
1 mutual friend



**Laura Schostag**



**Anita Peterson** Happy Birthday Gladys. Keep reading.

Like · Reply · 5h



**Sandy Broker-Spears** This is great! Thank you Denise Leisz Pazur she is going to love this .

Like · Reply · 5h



**Lora Lee** Happy Birthday Gladys



Like · Reply · 5h



**Rosemary Czech** Happy birthday 🍰 Gladys.hooe you get to enjoy your day.

Like · Reply · 5h



**Rosemary Czech**



Like · Reply · 5h



**Kenneth M Westfall** Sing Me Me Me. HB2U HB2U HBHB HB2U. MIKE & Lavon Westfall



Like · Reply · 2h



**Shelby Broker**



Like · Reply · 2h



**Jennie Leisz Nitchey** Happy 88th Birthday!! From Vern & Dotz Leisz's granddaughter ❤️👪

Like · Reply · 2h



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EVEN MORE FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!



**Maureen Craven Linde-Nikiel** Happy Birthday Gladys, I can actually see family resembles, so amazing!

Like · Reply · 4h



**Mary Rita Scott**



Like · Reply · 4h



**Janice Warner** So beautiful dear cousin.

Like · Reply · 3h



**Janice Warner** ...



Like · Reply · 3h



**Marianne Kasarda** Happy Birthday Gladys. It's so nice to see pictures of relatives and compare family resemblance to our kids

Like · Reply · 2h



**Judy Broker Cordie** 🎂🎁🎉🎊🎈🎊🎉

Like · Reply · 2h

# Happy Birthday Gladys!! p.10

EVEN MORE FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!



**Kenneth M Westfall** Sing Me Me Me. HB2U HB2U HBHB HB2U.  
MIKE & Lavon Westfall



Like · Reply · 22h



**Shelby Broker**



Like · Reply · 22h



**Jennie Leisz Nitchey** Happy 88th Birthday!! From Vern & Dotz  
Leisz's granddaughter ❤️👤

Like · Reply · 22h



**Jayne Leisz Smith** Happy birthday!!!❤️🍰🍰🍰

Like · Reply · 18h



**Sharon Kasarda Curless** Happy Birthday 🍰🍰🍰🍰🍰

Like · Reply · 15h



**Becky Lynn** Beautiful happy birthday 🍰

Like · Reply · 13h



**LuAnn Polito** Gladys! God bless you. Marilyn Westfall Aerni's  
daughter, LuAnn. (One of the twins).

