



# Carole Lombard

*Fort Wayne, Allen County*

October 6, 1908 – January 16, 1942

Carole Lombard was born Jane Alice Peters in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She became a film actress and was noted for her energetic, often off-beat roles in comedies of the 1930s. She was the highest-paid star in Hollywood in the late 1930s.

In the mid-1930s, she became involved with Clark Gable. After Gable's divorce to Rhea Langham became final, the couple eloped in Kingman, Arizona, on March 29, 1939.

As the U.S. entered World War II at the end of 1941, Lombard traveled to Indiana for a war bond rally with her mother, Bess Peters, and Clark Gable's press agent, Otto Winkler. Eager to return home to Los Angeles, Lombard, her mother, and Gable's press agent, Otto Winkler boarded an airplane on January 16, 1942. After refueling in Las Vegas, the aircraft crashed. All twenty-two aboard were killed instantly.

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For more information about Carole Lombard, go to: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001479/>.

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