



## L. C. "Daddy Luke" Gregory

Lure Collectors in Alabama and surrounding States often find large hand painted plugs resembling a giant South Bend Nip-A-Diddee in old tackle boxes. These giant hand carved lures are Daddy Luke plugs made by L. C. Gregory.

Lure maker, L. C. "Daddy Luke" Gregory was born in the hills of Alabama in the spring of 1907 near the site of the Guntersville Dam on the great Tennessee River. As a young boy Gregory fished at every chance and served as a guide for people who wanted to fish the river. Around 1937 L. C. Gregory began making his giant plugs on a large scale for his friends and local fishermen.

Their popularity really caught on during World War II because as Daddy Luke Gregory says: "We just couldn't afford them store bought plugs." The total production of Daddy Luke Plugs is around 3,000 lures, give or take a few. Daddy Luke plugs are all hand carved and hand painted by L. C. "Daddy Luke" Gregory.

Today, "Daddy Luke" Gregory still keeps busy in his small workshop in his backyard and turns out about five or six Daddy Luke plugs a day, when he feels up to it. L. C. Gregory is an early lure maker pioneer who the NFLCC is very proud to honor as one of its 1992 Honorary Member Award recipients.

Nominated by: Carl Frazier, Gadsden, Alabama

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*That's Some Catch*

L. C. Gregory, Alabama City fisherman, caught this bass Tuesday in Guntersville Lake. He said it weighed in at eight and a quarter pounds and was caught on a lure he had made.

**"DADDY-LUKE"  
LURES**

**FROM THE HILLS  
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ALABAMA**