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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 5, 2009 (April 29, 2009)

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**GREIF, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-00566  
(Commission File Number)

31-4388903  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

43015  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 549-6000

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 8 – Other Events

**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On April 29, 2009, Michael H. Dempsey, a member of the Board of Directors of Greif, Inc., passed away in Columbus, Ohio. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GREIF, INC.

Date: May 5, 2009

By /s/ Donald S. Huml  
Donald S. Huml,  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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***Greif, Inc. Mourns Loss of Board Member Michael H. Dempsey***

DELAWARE, Ohio (April 29, 2009) – Michael H. Dempsey, a member of the Board of Directors of Greif, Inc. (NYSE: GEF, GEF.B), passed away today in Columbus, Ohio.

Dempsey, 52, a resident of San Diego, had been a director since 1996.

“It’s a very sad day at Greif, and our employees around the world are grieving this loss,” said Michael J. Gasser, chairman and chief executive officer. “Mike Dempsey was an inspiration to all of us through his energy, passion and commitment to both his family and Greif. We will miss his wisdom and counsel. Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of the Dempsey family.”

Greif is a world leader in industrial packaging products and services. The company produces steel, plastic, fibre, corrugated and multiwall containers, packaging accessories and containerboard, and provides blending and packaging services for a wide range of industries. Greif also manages timber properties in North America. The company is strategically positioned in more than 45 countries to serve global as well as regional customers. Additional information is on the Greif’s website at [www.greif.com](http://www.greif.com).