



Ross Hall Pettigrew

April 8, 1944 - December 17, 2013

Ross Hall Pettigrew, age 69, passed away on December 17, 2013 in Prescott, Arizona. He was born on April 8, 1944 in Prescott, Arizona to Homer and Ada Lee (Perner) Pettigrew.

Ross' dependability and upbringing on horse and cattle ranches provided him the unique background that opened an opportunity to "ride herd" at the Meacham Ranch in Colorado as a young teenager. After his college years of Veterinary Studies at Sul Ross, Texas, Ross was employed as head cattle and hog buyer at the Cudahy Meat Packing Plant in Phoenix. His love of the cowboy way of life, and his exceptional skill and ability earned him numerous championships throughout the United States in the steer-wrestling (bulldogging) event as a PRCA rodeo cowboy.

He went on to manage a champion quarter horse breeding farm in Phoenix, and was foreman and trainer at a championship racehorse facility in Coyote Springs. As a quarter horse and thoroughbred racehorse breeder and trainer, he earned countless "finish line" purses for his owners at Turf Paradise in Phoenix, Prescott Downs, Rillito Downs in Tucson, and various other fair meets throughout Arizona. As "age and aches" began to take their toll, and with the guidance of his brother, Cotton, he mastered the skills of drywalling, and became expert in all areas of handyman skills. His easy-going personality and willingness to work any and every job needed, got the attention of and

opened an opportunity for employment at the exclusive Desert Highlands Golf Club in Scottsdale. Ross so enjoyed helping others who sought advice and guidance on “cowboy stuff” ...riding, ranching, livestock and good ole “horse sense” advice on life’s ups and downs. But Ross’ life, heart and soul were only fulfilled when after 40 years, our marriage was blessed and Ross was baptized and received his Sacraments as a child of the Holy Catholic Church by Father Fred Le Claire of St. Catherine LaBoure Catholic Church on October 1, 2011. The path to Eternal Life was then opened. May you rest in peace in GOD’S ARMS, my life, my heart ... my dear and loving husband. Happy trails dear sweetheart.

Ross is survived by his loving wife, Frances; brother, Cotton Pettigrew; brother and sister-in-law, Salvatore and Jacqui Cafiero; aunts, uncles, cousins, and beloved nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service with Rosary will start at 11am on Saturday, December 28, 2013 at St. Catherine LaBoure Roman Catholic Church, 2062 N. Hwy 89, Chino Valley, AZ with interment at Chino Valley Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ross' memory may be made to his favorite chrity, St. Jude Children's Hospital, 1-800-822-6344. Hampton Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Chino Valley Cemetery

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Tribute Wall

C.

“Tears and small memories are all I have; how I wish I could have been a part of your life. God bless your soul. A. L. P.

c. - August 25, 2015 at 01:58 AM

DD

“It was so very comforting to all the blood family members who traveled up to Chino Valley today to see so many in attendance at the memorial service for our beloved Ross Pettigrew.

Frances and I are first cousins, her dad & my mom were siblings. Frances and Ross indeed have enjoyed a large loving family in Chino Valley for many years! We are all very grateful to Father Fred LeClaire, his deacons and church staff for conducting a beautiful service! Special thanks to those parishioners and close family and friends of the Pettigrews who have watched over and supported Frances during Ross' illness. Special thanks as well to the staff at Aroma Pizza for welcoming the family at the reception.

Ross was a hero to many of us and I took the liberty to honor his cowboy way of life with the classic Willie Nelson song "My Heroes have always been Cowboys" at graveside.

God bless all of you! As my family returned to drive back to the Valley, I was comforted to know in my heart how fortunate my Cousin Frances would be to continue to receive and be supported by the loving community of Chino Valley. As we say in Italian, "Dio vi benedica a tutti!" (God bless you all!)

Daniel A. Dragonetti - December 28, 2013 at 09:37 PM

CA

“ Ross was such a joy and always made me smile, I will miss him dearly, rest in peace dear man! Prayers to your beautiful family!
Carrol DeBusk - Farm Bureau Insurance

Carrol - December 27, 2013 at 02:56 PM

MW

“ I am heartbroken. Ross was one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Praying for Ross and his family. Memory Eternal.

Marta Wells - Farm Bureau Insurance.



Marta Wells - December 27, 2013 at 08:12 AM

SA

“ From the previous owners of the donut shop in Chino Valley, we hope there is lots of "biscuits and gravy" in heaven. We send our love to Ross' family and to Frannie who always made us feel special. Let us share the burden of your loss and rejoice in the memories that you both bestowed upon us.

Rob and Sara Arnold

Sara Arnold - December 26, 2013 at 06:44 PM

RH

“ Ross, was my oldest And best friend, our harts go out to him and fran. he will be missed by all. our love be with you all. bobby @ Karen holmes

robert holmes - December 26, 2013 at 05:32 PM

LU

“ Good morning to my "morning glory." I bet heaven is a much better place where you are healed, have no pain, and can be with our Savior! I miss you already and will never forget how you loved me and my son over the years. In the last days of your life you would always ask about Joe and Peanut Butter. I'm glad we got to share some time with you. We promise we will take care of our dear Aunt Fran, so you just rest in His peace and love and we will see you soon. Happy Trails to you my dear Uncle...I love you...P.S. Please let mom know we are all doing well.

Love from your English Muffin X O

Lisa Ulrich - December 26, 2013 at 04:13 PM

RH

“ From long time friend of the Pettigrew family via racing, our thoughts and sympathies go out to you,. Rex and Golda Hinshaw

Rex Hinshaw - December 23, 2013 at 07:30 PM

AS

“ I was blessed to have taken care of this man in the hospital. You have now found your peace Mr. Pettigrew. May you watch over your dear wife Fran.

Ashley RN

Ashley - December 23, 2013 at 03:03 PM

LU

“ Just a quick note from Fran...in lieu of flowers you can make a donation to Ross's favorite charity St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The phone number is 800.805.5856 or www.stjude.org

Thank you and Many Blessings!

Lisa Ulrich - December 22, 2013 at 11:55 AM

PJ

“ I will always remember how Uncle Ross and Aunt Fran would make us feel special every time we would visit! He really had a special love for Sandra. They would talk and laugh about everything!! Uncle Ross would give me great advice on how to handle my daughters, work and family. The best part of knowing Uncle Ross is that he took very good care of my Aunt Fran. Aunt Fran, out of respect to Uncle Ross, and my love for you, I will be here for you, anytime you need "Uncle Ross" in your life for any situation....

Call me in those times, I will be there...

Phil Jr.

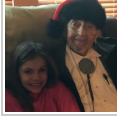
Phil Jr. - December 22, 2013 at 11:43 AM

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Lisa Ulrich - December 26, 2013 at 08:57 AM



*R.I.P. !!!! MY WIFE JOINED YOU TODAY !!! WE
had fun at C.V.I.D*

Herman Federwisch - December 26, 2013 at 07:55 PM