

## Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs

August 29, 1944 - June 17, 2024

Donnie Riggs of Willcox passed away at his home on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the age of 79. Donnie was born August 29, 1944, in Tucson, Arizona to John Stark and Anna Lee Riggs. Donnie was raised on the Riggs Home Ranch, attended El Dorado Elementary School, graduated from Willcox High School, and attended the University of Arizona.

In 1969, he married Sheila Levine, the love of his life for 55 years. Donnie spent his life working the family cattle ranch following in his dad's footsteps. Donnie was proud to be carrying on the next generation of ranching, a steward of the land and worked diligently with hopes that the next generation will keep the family tradition alive. He was a devoted husband, Dad, "Pop," and friend. He loved every aspect of ranching, his dogs, hunting, camping, golfing, playing cards with friends and found so much joy in collecting and driving his Vette.

Donnie loved to laugh and was a prankster in great humor. He had a magnetic personality everyone wanted to know. Donnie's love for the Lord was demonstrated in his care for family, friends and anyone that needed help.

Donnie is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Deanna (Danny) Smith; son Bryan (Stacie) Riggs; three grandchildren; Andrew, Grant and Stark; his brothers John B. Riggs and Michael Riggs and his sister Barbara (Jim) Gibson along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents, John Stark and Anna Lee Riggs.

In his memory, donations may be made to:

Arizona Cattle Growers Association, PO Box 1267, Buckeye, AZ 85326

Willcox FFA Alumni, Post Office Box 1031, Willcox, AZ 85644

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131, Post Office Box 940, Willcox, AZ 85644

A Celebration of Donnie's life will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at the Willcox Elks

Lodge with memorial service starting at 1:00 pm .

For out-of-town family members that are staying in local motels please check with the motel they may offer a bereavement discount rate.

# Cemetery Details

**Riggs Family Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

JUN **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131  
247 E. Stewart St.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

*Memorial Service will start at 1:00 pm*

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Janet Nunn Lemon lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Janet Nunn Lemon - June 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM

SH

“ Sheila and family... please accept my deepest sympathy at the passing of your husband. May y'all find some comfort in your memories of him. Horne with all of you,  
Sherry Miguez Hankins

Sherry Miguez Hankins - July 02, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ Barbara Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Barbara Gibson - June 28, 2024 at 04:51 PM

HW

“ Harry and Kathy Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



Harry and Kathy Williams - June 27, 2024 at 11:59 PM

HW

“ Harry and Kathy Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.

Harry and Kathy Williams - June 27, 2024 at 11:59 PM

AS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. The Sinohui family



Angela Sinohui - June 27, 2024 at 05:41 PM

TR

“ The Shelton Ranch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



The Shelton Ranch - June 27, 2024 at 01:19 PM

KW

“ Kyle W. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



Kyle W. - June 27, 2024 at 11:44 AM

HM

“ It took me A few days to decide which memory to share. When Donnie and I were around 12,13,14,we often fished in a farm pond on his Grandfather's , Mr McCaleb, farm. Just two young guys without A care in the world.

Harry Meyer - June 25, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



June 24, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MR

“ Michael R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.

Michael R. - June 24, 2024 at 01:06 PM

GT

“ Sending our very heartfelt sympathies to the Riggs family. I always appreciated Donnie’s wonderful sense of humor, and his dedication to his family. He will be missed terribly. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand....  
With love and prayers for peace,  
Gail, Danny and Brady Toal



Gail Toal - June 24, 2024 at 05:09 AM



“ Connie Morris Diggs lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Connie Morris Diggs - June 23, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



June 23, 2024 at 11:25 AM

SS

“ Sheila, Deanna, Brian and family I know there are no words to ease the sorrow of your loss. The memories are what will get you through the hard times. Having known Donnie for many years from the livestock auction, cross spear, and waiting on the family at the restaurant, he was such a pleasure to be around. Always had a smile on his face, and joking every chance he had. He was loved and will be missed by so many! Prayers and hugs to you all!!



Sherrie Sohl - June 23, 2024 at 02:06 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.*



June 22, 2024 at 05:12 PM

PI

“ *The depth of sorrow felt in Donnie's passing defies words. My love goes to Sheila and the kids and all who knew and loved him. He will be so missed but I have faith we will all be together again some day.*

Patricia Riggs Inman - June 20, 2024 at 09:20 PM

RW

“ *Sincere condolences to the family*



Rae Weiler - June 20, 2024 at 08:46 PM

FK

“ *Frances Kreger lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



Frances Kreger - June 20, 2024 at 05:12 PM

ME

*Lots of fun times watching our children grow up together, fun cookouts & parties 🎈  
R.I.P. Donnie*

Marlin S Easthouse - June 21, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.*



June 20, 2024 at 03:43 PM

SC

“ I know Donnie was a great man and wonderful husband who will be greatly missed. I'll be praying for your comfort and peace through this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and I love you dearly. Sandy Cisco



Sandy Cisco - June 20, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ Jonnie Martinex lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Jonnie Martinex - June 20, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JE

“ Our sincere condolences to the Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Rey & Jonnie Martinez

Jonnie marti ex - June 20, 2024 at 09:25 AM

PJ

“ Peggy Lou Jackson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Peggy Lou Jackson - June 20, 2024 at 01:16 AM

KS

“ Kevin Schmelzla lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Kevin Schmelzla - June 20, 2024 at 01:15 AM

MD

“ *Martie Doke sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Martie Doke** - June 19, 2024 at 09:35 PM

KH

“ *Kevan and Vicki Hardy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Kevan and Vicki Hardy** - June 19, 2024 at 09:29 PM

SH

“ *Scott & Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Scott & Jeannie Harris** - June 19, 2024 at 08:52 PM

LS

“ *Lavena Swanson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Lavena Swanson** - June 19, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JB

“ *Johnny and Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Johnny and Donna Brown** - June 19, 2024 at 08:19 PM

TB

“ Tessie Black lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Tessie Black - June 19, 2024 at 06:28 PM

KK

“ Kyle Kempton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.

Kyle Kempton - June 19, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" Stark Riggs.



June 19, 2024 at 01:46 PM

JC

“ John Courington lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



John Courington - June 19, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ Jack and Cathie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Jack and Cathie Thompson - June 19, 2024 at 01:32 PM

CD

“ Carol Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Carol Dunlap - June 19, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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LC

“ LYNN CLECKLER lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



LYNN CLECKLER - June 19, 2024 at 11:25 AM

SA

“ Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



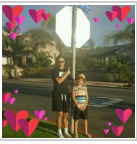
Susan Arbuthnot - June 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM

SM

“ Shellie Levine Maughan lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs



Shellie Levine Maughan - June 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Betsy Ajeman** - June 19, 2024 at 07:47 AM

CG

“ *Courtney Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Courtney Gonzalez** - June 19, 2024 at 12:07 AM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Carol Dunagan** - June 18, 2024 at 11:40 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Riggs*



**Kathy Thatcher** - June 18, 2024 at 10:34 PM

DR

“ *So sorry for your loss Sheila and the family. We loved Donnie he was a great man Denise and Gary.*

**Denise Runyon** - June 18, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry Shelia to here of Donnie's passing. Prayers to you and your family.



Candy morgan - June 18, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JR

“ So sorry to. Heartfelt condolences to Sheila and all of the Riggs family



Jennifer Regensberg - June 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Riggs



Gus & Rita Morales - June 18, 2024 at 02:01 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry to hear this! Sheila, you and your family are in my prayers! May God comfort you!

LaDonna Burgess - June 18, 2024 at 01:01 PM

ES

“ Edna S lit a candle in memory of Donald Riggs



Edna S - June 18, 2024 at 12:21 PM

CC

“ I have many memories of Donnie, he was like a brother to me, I'm going to miss his hugs, and calls. He was one of the most genuine person I've ever known. I'm going to miss you Donnie, but I know we'll meet again ❤️ Sheila, Deanna, Brian and the rest of the family may God comfort you all. I love you all!



Carol Case - June 18, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JT

Lifting Donnie and his family up in prayer! Donnie was a classmate of mine, and was a most gentle, deep thinking guy! May Jesus hold you close during your time of bereavement. Love and prayers. Jeannie Kay Keiller Tompkins

Jeannie Tompkins - June 22, 2024 at 12:29 PM

GA

“ Gussie & Sharon Arzberger sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Riggs



Gussie & Sharon Arzberger - June 18, 2024 at 11:17 AM