



Ronald "Fargo" Graham

November 29, 1932 - July 27, 2020

Fargo Graham 1932-2020

Ronald Hugh "Fargo" Graham started life on a ranch in Montana. At age 14 he took his Grandfather's mule and they found him a month later in Mexico. He had a mind of his own even as a youngster.

As soon as he was of age he joined the military where he was with the 5th Highland Signal Corps.

He eventually got a job at the Grand Canyon, where he worked several years with the Pack Mules taking supplies to the base of the Canyon to the Lodge and Cabins.

He settled in Tucson in the early 1950's and due to the hustle and bustle of City life, over 30 years ago he chose to settle in Willcox where he could enjoy the Peace & Quiet on his ranch with a Million Dollar View of the Chiricahua Mountains.

In his lifetime Fargo worked on over 177 Western Movies, as an Actor, a Set Dresser and Livestock Wrangler.

He worked with John Wayne, Steve McQueen, Lee Marvin and many more too numerous to mention.

People come and go and we don't have as say as to when or where our time will be.

When our time is finally up, we are bound to leave a mark in another person's life one way or another. But despite the little time spent together, what matters

most is how you made all those years, months and days count.

When we lose someone, remembering them is the most beautiful picture our minds can paint, and nothing can ever erase them.

Each of us have our own Memories of Fargo, whether he was acting a fool or in one of his Cantankerous moods.

His friends are many and we will carry our Special Memories in our Hearts Forever.

Previous Events

Memorial Roping

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM (MT)

Arena Bar and Restaurant
250 N. Prickly Pear Ave
Benson, AZ 85602

Celebration of Life

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CE

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Christy Eubanks - August 13, 2024 at 01:16 AM



“ Ronald "Fargo" Graham

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

PS

“ I met Fargo on a movie set at old tucson,he asked me if I wanted to be in the movies he worked my butt off, I was 16 yrs old, best time I ever had , I learned a lot from Fargo R.I.P saddleup. 1968 PRS

phil stevens sr - July 13, 2022 at 03:12 PM

CG

“ Miss Ya Mate. It's been awhile since you have passed. May you have the Love, Peace, Comfort and Happiness you deserve with our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for all you did for me throughout my life.



Carlos Gastelum - October 13, 2021 at 11:08 PM

LR

“ Used to hunt Javalina while camped on his ranch. Only rule was no shooting on his property. We were a coupla young Marines from the air station in Yuma, early 90s. He had a wonderful cantina on the ranch, that a buddy of mine shot a hole in the floor one tequila sodden night. A place where time stood still.

Digger Rotelli

Colonel, United States Marines(ret)

Lionel Rotelli - August 17, 2021 at 10:29 PM

CW

“ I met Fargo in 2003, drank with him, stayed at his ranch 11 days. I learned all about him and had a time I'll never forget. My initials are on his gate. Wish I'd met him a lot sooner and will never forget him. Beautiful human being!



Cathy Wasson - April 24, 2021 at 02:25 PM

FW

So incredibly awesome - beyond the American Pickers just watched - worked on Tombstone Epitaph and spent hours over a weekend there with Ethan Wayne - my dad raised me on JW movies

Frank Watson - April 11, 2025 at 02:18 AM

DW

“ I met him on Christmas Day at Big Nose Kates saloon. We hung out most of the day sharing stories, mostly listening to his. The next day we went to his Ranch. Had a beer, hung out in his church, built a fire in the sitting area and listened to stories all day about John Wayne, Steve McQueen and many more. I felt like we knew each other all our lives. Give em hell up there old friend... I look forward to your stories again one day.

All our love...Deb & Dave White



Deb White - November 22, 2020 at 01:43 PM

LI

“ I met fargo at the L And L drive in when i first started working there in 1968 what a character he was.always had the spurs.we saw him on an episode of pickers

linda - November 20, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ I met Fargo some 25 years ago. Fargo was introduced to me by one of his many foster sons. I worked with Carlos at Mesa Pd. I was able to spend time with Fargo during the late 1990's. Spent the night on the ranch with other friends. I loved his stories. I love the old west. I was born on California and moved to Maine for some time then back out to AZ as soon as I could. He told me personal stories about my childhood heroes like John Wayne and Steve McQueen. And the John Ford story about the pigeons has been told by me hundreds of times since then. Every chance I get, I tell someone I got to meet a real life Cowboy his name is Fargo. I always tell about the time Fargo brought me into the saloon and showed me several holes in the walls and floor. He said see that hole, John Wayne shot his pistol there. He said see the hole right over there, McQueen. The he said “give it shot”. I thought for sure he was joking, nope he said shoot that .45 right there next to John. So I obliged and fired my .45 into the floor of Fargo's saloon. The stories of him teaching Hollywood western actors how to ride horses especially John Wayne. I thought that was so cool because I got to meet John Wayne and Knottsberry farm when I was 10 years old and he personally knew John Wayne. So I am sad to hear that I did not get to see my friend before he passed away but his stories will go on and on and his memory will continue through the huge smiles they brings even today.



*Prayers and Peace to all the Family and friends that miss Fargo.
See you again*

Michael Mercer - October 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Christine Maxwell - September 20, 2020 at 08:39 AM

JL

“ I will miss seeing him on my trips to Tombstone. I am so happy that I got to go to his ranch and listen to his stories and seeing all his great artifacts. Going in to his chapel and saying a little prayer. Sitting in his bar having a beer and some tequila. RIP my friend.

John LiBrandi - September 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM

CS

“ Fargo I am going to miss you so much, I know you for 40 yrs and you gave me the nickname of bones, When I was dating Elden and Elden and I got married and we party good here in Tucson with the gang, my most memorable memory of you was when it was Elden Birthday and I ask you to keep Elden busy while I made him a cake and arrayed a party for him, but when I told you we were ready you never brought him back so I went looking for you guys and where did I find you at the hide out, so I brought in his cake and gift and surprise the heck out of you guys and then I turn around and you guys were gone, but I grab the cake and followed you guys to your place here in Tucson, I was so mad, but I yelled at Elden and crap the cake and through the cake at him and all I could hear was you yelling duck Eldie duck and good thing he did or that cake would have got him, you called us the next morning to tell you were woken up to a bunch of bird's singing cause they were happy cause they had cake to eat, We laugh about that for a long time , I love you Fargo you were family to me , and then when we loss Elden to cancer . You were the reason I went to Willcox to checkup on you to make sure you were OK, I will miss you so much,

Claudia Solien - August 28, 2020 at 04:00 PM

LA

Please look at the memorial information

laurie - September 05, 2020 at 12:22 AM



“ **Colt Griffin** lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



Colt Griffin - August 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ To My Child hood friend / Hero, I will always remember the lessons you taught me , a job worth doing is worth doing well , (hard work pays off) never Lie Cheat or Steal , (And you will go far) Be yourself cause everyone else is taken ...lol...(there is no one to impress but yourself so be proud of who you are & who you have become) treat others as you would like to be treated) Again hard work , Honesty , And fairness , along with a bit of integrity & Grit , (even when things go catywanpus / out of control) will make you a better person . It also helps to have common sense , And some good friends... these are just a few of the many things I will always remember about you ...I will truly miss you Sir Fargo ...
Condolences to all ... Colt Griffin...



Colt Griffin - August 23, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Fargo you were the greatest thing that has ever happened to my life you are the wisest man you are the greatest cowboy you always told me that I was wise for my age and I totally stood by that you also told me to never change you said always stay true to who you are and that's what you did ... you were one of the most amazing cowboys that will ever live. Thank you for your kindness wisdom friendship family'ship - thank you- you are so greatly missed

charity - August 06, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ Jim Solien lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



jim solien - August 06, 2020 at 10:03 PM

HF

“ Yatahey Farg



Hector Figueroa - August 06, 2020 at 07:25 PM

HF

“ Yatahey Farg....lots of memories for over 60yrs since we first met at the Tucson Stockyards on 29th & Santa Cruz River.... I was but a mere 11yrs old w my uncle Dave MacMurtrie... the rest is history up to the time he tried to give me a hard time at the KS Bar where Jim "Cuatro" Lord was bartending... Cuatro was surprised that we knew each other..... last year he visited me in Payson & we had a few cold ones at my American Legion Post 69.... RIP Viejo & Salud w a shot of Bacanora.

Hector M. Figueroa - August 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM

Juanita Buckley

“ Will miss seeing him in Willcox ---RIP Fargo. Friends of Marty Robbins

Juanita Buckley - August 05, 2020 at 04:20 PM

TH

“ I've worked at the Triangle T guest ranch for 3yrs and I knew Fargo as well as he would let me know him!! took my wife to the Larry Farris concert at work and there he sat in all his glory! He just looked at me and said "How the hell are ya! " He will be missed!! He's walking with God!! 🙏🙏

Thomas Hall - August 04, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JS

“ About 1970's, a couple "cowboys" came to work for you and truly learned how to be real cowboys! Jim Serrano and family send their love and thankfulness for great memories. "There's an empty cot in the bunkhouse tonight". Ride well Fargo, ride well...

James and Reba Serrano - August 04, 2020 at 12:56 AM



“ Rick Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



Rick Ambrose - August 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *The best of memories were hanging out with you on the ranch. We had some great talks, you and Cuattro and I. Thanks for that, and your wisdom and for allowing me and my crew to photograph and interview you all those years ago. I am sorry I never made it back, I actually had plans to this fall.... I will regret that always. Many folks had stories of times with you, we all love you partner..... Adios Amigo, my friend.....*



Rick Ambrose - August 03, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SE

“ *Fargo story. I went to the bank one Rex Allen days across from Rix's tavern and Fargo came in behind me. He was leading his mule on a rope, brought the mule in to the bank and stood behind me. I looked at him and said I hope you are not here to make a deposit-- looked at the mule and we laughed. The tellers in the bank about fainted. He was a character one of a kind and will be missed...*

Sandra Erhardt-Sheppard - August 01, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CM

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SOMEDAY WHEN THE
PAGES OF MY LIFE
END, I KNOW THAT
YOU WILL BE ONE OF
ITS MOST BEAUTIFUL
CHAPTERS.

Christine Maxwell - August 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

JA

“ John&Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory
of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



john&Susan Arbuthnot - August 01, 2020 at 08:15 AM

JE

“ Fargo often came into the Tasting Room I
worked at and he entertained everyone in the
room with wonderful stories of his life and
providing history lessons to us all. He was
very kind to me.



Jeanne Manwiller

Jeanne - July 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM

TN

“ *When I first started at The Palace I didn't know anyone. Fargo was one of the first people I met. He determined I was ok by checking my ankles. You were a legend and the last of your kind my dear friend. Heaven needed a storyteller and they got a good one. Rip Farg*



Tami Nancolas - July 31, 2020 at 06:06 PM

CS

“ *Claudia Soliem lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham*



Claudia Soliem - July 31, 2020 at 02:34 AM

CS

Fargo, lam going to miss you so much, I loved you with all of my heart, you were family to me and always will be, Now you and Elden and the rest of the old Cowboys can have one heck of a party in Heaven, Give Elden a hug and kiss from me, Love ya R.I.P

Claudia Soliem - August 01, 2020 at 03:35 PM



Juanita Buckley

I have a lot of Photos Fargo gave me him with John Wayne is the best one.

Juanita Buckley - August 05, 2020 at 04:24 PM

SE

“ Lefty & Fargo were good friends. So many stories to tell. I remember when Fargo brought his mule in to the bank and stood in line behind me, we laughed that hopefully he was not going to make a "deposit". Rest in peace Fargo, I will always remember the fun we all had. Sandra Erhardt-Sheppard

Sandra Erhardt-Sheppard - July 30, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SE

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Sandra Erhardt - July 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

ER

“ Eric lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



Eric - July 30, 2020 at 10:47 AM

ER

“ I have so many great memories of the Farg. My favorite one though is falling off the fence together one night when we were all together at our ranch in Tucson. Miss you already partner and rest in peace old friend. Eric

Eric - July 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM

GW

“ Rest in peace, always enjoyed your stories and and humor, will never forget my nickname you gave me! Only you could get away with some of your words! Fargo you will be greatly missed by many...Rest in cowboy heaven your memory will never be forgotten!

Gloria and Bill Wood - July 29, 2020 at 11:21 PM

CM

“ "When someone you Love becomes a Memory, the Memory becomes a Treasure"
Memories are the most beautiful pictures our minds can paint, and nothing can ever erase them."
I will miss our long talks but will forever hold our Friendship in my Heart.
Christine "Chrissy" Maxwell

Christine Maxwell - July 29, 2020 at 08:54 PM

LU

“ We have all your stories and memories etched forever in our hearts
♥♥ we love you.
Barney & Laurie Unrast

laurie Unrast - July 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

RN

“ Russ And Hannah Nofziger lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham



Russ and Hannah Nofziger - July 29, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MV

“ *Michael R Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham*



Michael R Valenzuela - July 29, 2020 at 11:06 AM

EV

“ *I will miss you my friend. Rest in peace.*



Erlinda Valenzuela - July 29, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ *We remember some great times with the "Farg" and Gene Davis back in the 90's. The best part of what I remember back then. Fargo, and Gene Davis we miss them both.*

Jeff and DeAnna Cheser - July 28, 2020 at 09:58 PM

GA

“ *You were always there for me. We had awesome times together. What you did for me for J.J.s wedding was awesome. We pulled it off. All of our family will never forget you. Always had great times with you. The cart you made me will always be here . loveyou with all my heart. Rest in peace.*

Gussie & Sharon Arzberger - July 28, 2020 at 09:42 PM

ES

“ *Eva Smith lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham*



Eva smith - July 28, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *Mary Valdez lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Fargo" Graham*



Mary Valdez - July 28, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *We are going to miss you my sweet friend. Thanks for all the lovely stories and funny jokes. This world won't be the same without you. RIP* ❤️💔💔💔 *♥️ Juan & Mary Valdez* 💔💔💔

Mary Valdez - July 28, 2020 at 09:26 PM

CT

“ *I always enjoyed talking with you when you came into the Coop. Im going to miss you so much Fargo.*

Carmen Teeters - July 28, 2020 at 09:08 PM

CH

“ You will be missed. Rest peacefully. Rix's won't be the same anymore.

Chris and Randall Humphers.



Chris Humphers - July 28, 2020 at 08:30 PM

CR

“ I'm gonna miss you Fargo.



Cindy Reynolds - July 28, 2020 at 08:23 PM