



## Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.

May 14, 1960 - April 29, 2016

Troy Johnston of Willcox died April 29, 2016 at his ranch at the age of 55. He was born on May 14, 1960 in Miller, South Dakota to Randy Johnston and Sharon Fry Johnston. Troy was a professional bull rider being a member of the PRCA, was a welder, team roped and raised register Brahma Cattle. He broke colts and ranched. For many years he worked for the Kenneth Wheeler Family. Troy also was a judge for bull riding for several small rodeos. Survivors include his son Troy Johnston, Jr. of Willcox, his mother Sharon Bell, his father Randy Johnston and his sister Shari Johnston. The family would like to thank Johnny Mason who became a very good friend to Troy and help him in numerous ways. Memorial Services will be 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Westlawn Chapel. Contributions may be made in Troy's name to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.org or mail to 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or call 719-528-4794. Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May his spirit continue to shine through his son.*



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**Marie McCabe** - December 01, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Marie McCabe lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



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**Marie McCabe** - December 01, 2016 at 09:25 PM

CW

“ I just recently learned of Troy's passing. It has been years since I last talked to Troy, but when you grow up with someone similar to a brother and family, the bond last forever. Nothing will ever take away the memories and laughter. One of my favorite memories of Troy was when he came to the Kentucky State Fair one year while working for my Mom and Dad. Here was this handsome bull rider all dressed up in carriage attire. Complete with Derby style hat. Troy was amazing. I have never met a nicer guy than Troy. OMG! ! All that he did to help raise my three brothers and I. All while running and managing my parents Arizona house and ranch. Our trip to the Grand Canyon would not have been the same without Troy there. We all rode down to the bottom and spent the night. Wow!! Troy was a big part of my family. I loved him so much.

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**Cappy Wheeler** - May 22, 2016 at 03:54 PM

CW

“ Troy will always be like loved! Troy was like a brother to me growing up, and he was family to us all. I am so thankful to have known Troy. My family and I had the blessed pleasure of sharing so many memories with Troy and his amazing family. Rest in peace my friend. I know that you, Mom, and Stanley are watching over all of us!! You were a great bull rider, and an even better friend and person. Some of my favorite memories are of you, my brother Douglas and Kenny and I all enjoying rodeos and life. To us, you were our rodeo hero and brother! ! We all love you so much!!

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**Cappy Wheeler** - May 22, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MH

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message to heaven - May 12, 2016 at 02:54 PM

MO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

IF THE ONLY PLACE YOU'VE EVER CRIED  
ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME...  
I WISH SO MUCH YOU WOULDN'T CRY  
THE WAY YOU DID TODAY  
WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS  
WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY...  
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME  
AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU,  
AND EACH TIME THAT YOU THINK OF ME  
I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME TOO  
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME  
DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART

MoM - May 12, 2016 at 12:40 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon MOM - May 12, 2016 at 12:39 PM

SS

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Shari Johnston sister - May 12, 2016 at 12:38 PM

CW

*I remember Troy riding at the "Phoenix Jaycees Rodeo of Rodeos " at the Coliseum in Phoenix. All the big boys in that era came to the big rodeo in Phoenix. There was Denver, Del Rio, and Cheyenne. However , back then , phoenix was a big pay day early in the rodeo year, so guys like Donnie Gay, Ted Nuce, Tuff Hedeman, Lane Frost, Wacey Cathy, and those boys would all be there. Well Troy was riding there, and he was my little brother and I's hero. Rodeo announcer Randy Corley says "Scottsdale Arizona it is your time. We go now to the KNIX bucking chute and give a big warm hometown cheer for our next Cowboy Troy Johnson. We were all sitting there together. Randy, Mom, Dad, Douglas, Ken Ken. We were so proud to be there and cheering Troy on. I believe that was 1983 or 1985 in that range. I did some reserch, and saw where Troy was competing hard at the jackpots over at Goodyear against local bull rider Curtis Jesse. Great memories and great times!!*

Cappy Wheeler - May 25, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shari Johnston - May 10, 2016 at 06:08 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*

I've just travelled on you see,  
up ahead where greener pastures grow  
and cool streams dance as they flow,

Flowers in bloom of every sort and kind  
colors more vivid than any I left behind,  
family and friends I haven't seen in years,  
hugs and handshakes and no more tears.

They've welcomed me home here today  
a place of peace for me to stay

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**Shari Johnston** - May 10, 2016 at 04:58 PM

CW

*I love this poem. Very healing during a very sad time. You will forever be in our hearts brother! !*

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**Cappy Wheeler** - May 25, 2016 at 09:25 AM

KI

“ *Karis Iverson lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



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**Karis Iverson** - May 05, 2016 at 12:14 PM

SI

“ *Knew his grandfather an father, all three were great people. Sorry to hear of Troys passing. Stan an Shirl Iverson*

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**Stan Iverson** - May 05, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MC

“ Randy, we are so sorry to hear about Troy. We have many great memories of him when he worked with us. I had never met someone with so much determination! If he set his mind to something it would most likely get done. So glad we had an opportunity to know Troy! Mike and Shirley Cook Ree Heights, SD

Mike and Shirley Cook - May 04, 2016 at 06:31 PM

SJ

“ Shari Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.



Shari Johnston - May 04, 2016 at 04:59 PM

CF

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charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 03:09 PM

CF

Grandad & grandma Fry & Troy Johnston

charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 04:00 PM

DM

Great picture

Donna Morris - May 04, 2016 at 11:30 PM

CF

*2-badd to the bone cowboy's*

charlie fry - May 05, 2016 at 08:38 AM

CW

*OMG!! I have not seen Troy in years, and i know the picture is not recent, but that is so awesome. I remember that hat and the bull riding pen on his hat. Very cool picture. Troy looks so much like his grandmother in this picture.*

Cappy Wheeler - May 25, 2016 at 09:31 AM

CF

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charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 03:09 PM

CF

*Troy Johnston all "dude'd" up*

charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 04:01 PM

CW

*Looking sharp!!*

Cappy Wheeler - May 25, 2016 at 09:33 AM

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charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 03:08 PM

CF

*Troy Johnston*

charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 04:02 PM

CW

*Thank you Charlie Fry!! If you have any more recent pictures of Troy I would love to see them!! Thanks again!!*

Cappy Wheeler - May 25, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CF

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charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CF

*Troy Johnston*

charlie fry - May 04, 2016 at 04:02 PM

CW

*Awesome! !*

Cappy Wheeler - May 25, 2016 at 09:32 AM

MM

*His senior picture, what a great guy with a big heart! Marie McCabe*

Marie McCabe - December 01, 2016 at 09:15 PM

EF

“ *EllaMae Fry lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



EllaMae Fry - May 04, 2016 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ *Donna Morris lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



Donna Morris - May 03, 2016 at 11:48 PM

MB

“ *Cousins Howard, Alma , and Bryan enjoyed precious time in Nebraska and Washington with you Troy and sister Shari., and your caring parents, Sharon and Gene.  
You were all very wonderful children. You were all much loved.  
Too many years gone by Troy,, and then a gift of a son TJ.  
These past months we have been blessed to be in touch again with you, and your very wonderful caregiver..  
You will always be missed, a beloved memory in our hearts.  
Uncle Delane and Aunt Mary Bell, in Sequim, WA.*

Mary L. Bell and Delane R. Bell - May 03, 2016 at 01:51 PM

CF

“ `<iframe width="640" height="360" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/lt9s7SGFuXw"; frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>`  
*Here's to ya Troy !! (Chris LeDoux) good ride COWBOY good ride !!*

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**charlie fry** - May 03, 2016 at 01:18 PM

CF

*that u-tube tune (what ya gonna do with a cowboy) (Chris LeDoux), reminds ya ole uncle Charlie//Colo. of you Troy, ya dad Randy, & ya Nebrasky grandad Neil Fry, 3-badd to the bone Cowboys!! NICE RIDE COWBOY NICE RIDE*

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**charlie fry** - May 03, 2016 at 03:35 PM

JW

“ *Troy you fought hard and you battled that sickness for so long. You are now pain free. You will be missed. One of the greatest bull riders/cowboy I was ever lucky enough to know. I'll forever hold that smile you lit up with when meeting Revin for the first time. I also will never forget our Dr. Peppers, snickers and chocolate covered cherry's we would get wherever we went. Heaven gained another true cowboy may you rest in peace. Love always, Jessica, Chris & Revin Weisenberger.*

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**Jessica Weisenebrger** - May 03, 2016 at 11:18 AM

DM

*Very true...*

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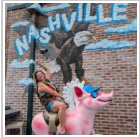
**Donna Morris** - May 03, 2016 at 08:39 PM

DH

“ *Diane Heiss lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



**Diane Heiss** - May 02, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *Courtney Van Zee lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



**Courtney Van Zee** - May 02, 2016 at 06:44 PM

GP

“ *Glenda DeRouchey Pullman lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



**Glenda DeRouchey Pullman** - May 02, 2016 at 05:31 PM

RJ

“ *Randy Johnston lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



**Randy Johnston** - May 02, 2016 at 05:20 PM



*Randy I want to tell you when my dad told me last night I knew the world had lost a good man you may not remember me but I sure do remember Troy and you and your family my dad Stanley and my mom Shirley and my sister Kendra all send you our deepest condolences*

**Karis Iverson** - May 05, 2016 at 08:19 AM



*“ Love you my son. You were the best cowboy ever.  
Love, Dad*

**Randy Johnston** - May 02, 2016 at 05:17 PM



*My thoughts and prayers sent to you Randy and all his family!*

**Karin Anderberg** - May 02, 2016 at 06:33 PM



*So sorry to hear about Troy. Love from Nebraska.*

**Diane Heiss** - May 02, 2016 at 09:33 PM



*so sorry to hear of Troys passing , Sending lots of Hugs and Prayers to you Randy ! He is in good Hands and Just think of all the wonderful people who met him at the gate to welcome him home ! pretty sure there 's a lot of Rodeo's and Cuttings going on in heaven ! Love you all like Family ! Sharen (PeeWee), Mike & Karen . and the rest of the Shorty Brock Family !*

**sharen lingscheit** - May 04, 2016 at 04:26 PM



*“ Sharon Bell lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.*



**Sharon Bell** - May 02, 2016 at 10:56 AM

SB

“ *The sickness that consumed his body, could not enter his soul. Troy finished his course, and fought a good fight. Entering eternity in peacefulness.  
Enjoy Heaven my dear Troy.  
We will miss you.  
Love, Mom*

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**Sharon Bell** - May 02, 2016 at 10:55 AM

JG

“ *Hoping that you find comfort in knowing his final ride led to the gates of Heaven safe and secure in Gods care.  
South Dakota friends Jim & Sandy Garrett*

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**Jim and Sandy Garrett** - May 01, 2016 at 10:02 PM

MS

“ *May the memories you cherish comfort you.  
Mary Ann Sivertsen*

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**mary Ann Sivertsen** - May 01, 2016 at 09:59 PM

CF

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**charlie fry** - May 01, 2016 at 05:31 PM

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charlie fry - May 01, 2016 at 05:25 PM

SJ

“ Shari Johnston lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.



Shari Johnston - May 01, 2016 at 04:44 PM

CF

“ Charlie Fry lit a candle in memory of Troy Eugene Johnston, Sr.



charlie fry - May 01, 2016 at 03:48 PM

SJ

“ Troy, my beloved brother may you finally be at peace. You were the strongest brother and cowboy one could ever of known. I miss you tremendously, but know you are with the Lord, and celebrate your peace and healing. I love you Troy. You will always be in my heart.

Shari Johnston - May 01, 2016 at 11:41 AM

CF

“ *R.I.P. Troy, & ya have a Safe Trip, & a Fantastic Journey, & I'll see-ya on the otherside of the Rainbow, ya ole uncle Charlie in Colorado*

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**charlie fry** - April 30, 2016 at 08:06 PM