

Buffalo Bill Facts

William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody (February 26, 1846 – January 10, 1917) was an American soldier, bison hunter and showman.



Born	William Frederick Cody
	February 26, 1846 near Le Claire, Iowa, U.S.
Died	January 10, 1917 (aged 70) Denver, Colorado, U.S.
Cause of death	Kidney failure
Resting place	Lookout Mountain, Golden, Colorado
Other names	Buffalo Bill Cody
Occupation	Army scout, Pony Express rider, ranch hand, wagon train driver, buffalo hunter, fur trapper, gold prospector, showman
Known for	Buffalo Bill Wild West shows which provided education and entertainment about bronco riding, handling bovine and equine livestock, roping, and other herdsmen skills seen in present day rodeos
Spouse(s)	Louisa Frederici (1843–1921) (m. 1866–1917)
Children	Arta Cody (1866–1904)

Kit Carson Cody (1870-1876)

Orra Maude Cody (1872-1883)

Irma Louisa Cody Garlow (1883-1918)

Kit died of scarlet fever in April 1876, and his daughter Orra died in 1883

Parent(s)	Isaac Cody
	Mary Ann Bosnell Laycock Cody
Awards	Medal of Honor

Early life

He was born in the Iowa Territory (now the U.S. state of Iowa), in Le Claire but he grew up for several years in his father's hometown in Canada before his family moved to the Kansas Territory.

Career

Buffalo Bill started working at the age of eleven after his father's death. He became a rider for the Pony Express at age 14. During the American Civil War, he served from 1863 to the end of the war in 1865. Later he served as a civilian scout to the US Army during the Indian Wars, receiving the Medal of Honor in 1872.

One of the most colorful figures of the American Old West, Buffalo Bill became famous for the Wild West shows he organized with cowboy themes, which he toured in Great Britain and Europe as well as the United States.

Death

Cody died of kidney failure on January 10, 1917, surrounded by family and friends at his sister's house in Denver. Cody was baptized into the Catholic Church the day before his death by Father Christopher Walsh of the Denver Cathedral.

Images



Portrait at Horse of Col. William F. Cody, a painting by Rosa Bonheur, 1889



Wild Bill Hickok, Texas Jack Omohundro, and Cody in 1873

"Buffalo Bill," nicknamed after his contract to supply Kansas Pacific Railroad workers with buffalo meat



Buffalo Bill's Wild West, 1890



Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill,
Montreal, Quebec, 1885



The Adventures of Buffalo Bill
(1914)



Buffalo Bill and his wife, Louisa



Cody's funeral procession in Denver



Cody's grave, in Golden, Colorado



Cody in 1903