



## John V. Gibbello

June 3, 1952 - October 30, 2022

It is with a heavy heart to share with you my brother John V. Gibbello, passed away unexpectedly on October 30, 2022 due to a heart attack. He was 70 years old. John is survived by his sister Joanna (Gibbello) Thompson, Ross Thompson, brother-in-law and his niece, Alicia Thompson of Napa. His mother Edna Mae Gibbello, predeceased him on 6/18/2022. Our Dad John D. Gibbello, predeceased us on 1/26/1974. We have many cousins who are still around all mourning his loss.

Johnny was fortunate to be able to attend his 50th Napa High Class of 1971 reunion in Napa in October 2022. A major accomplishment was his focus to reunite with his past school friends earlier in the year. They loved going over all the good times while in high school and out of high school.

After high school John was an expert welder and fabricator at Cassell Company, Electro Flasher and Kelley fabricators. He later partnered in a business along with Kevin Haley called "Napa Valley Cycles and Fabrication." As time moved on, he worked for Napa Pipe, Encote and Midwestern Pipeline Services in which he retired from in 2015. Johnny still continued to work on motorcycles and fabrication until he passed away.

Early in life, Johnny was passionate about motorcycles just as our parents were. When our Dad owned a go-kart shop, Johnny raced many weekends at the go-kart tracks along with our Mother, Edna Mae. First having a minibike at a young age, then a Kawasaki in high school, he finally made his way up to his first Harley. Our Dad would have been proud of him but had already passed away. Johnny acquired a few more bikes early on which he made new friends in the biking community and continued his collection. He loved doing repairs and refabricate the bodies of the bikes to please the owner.

There will be a Celebration of Life sometime in the near future. As soon as this is planned, we will announce when that will be. He will be laid to rest with our parents. Burial will be private with family members only. Our Johnny will be a greatly missed Brother, Uncle, Cousin and to many friends. He will be never be forgotten and is forever in our hearts. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.claffeyandrota.com](http://www.claffeyandrota.com) and signing the guest book. You may send cards to The Thompson's. 2063 Maria Dr, Napa, CA 94559.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd  
Napa, CA 94558

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I bought a Bug kart from the Gibbello's in 1970. John taught me how to weld. I rode on the back of his Bridgestone 90, and his Kawasaki 250. He could ride like no other. He took me to lunch at the bowling alley. Never forget all the fun I had with him. I miss those days. So many good memories. Rest in peace Johnny. Your buddy Johnny Lickley

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**John R Lickley** - December 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

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**Suzanne Simas** - January 09, 2023 at 05:02 PM