



## John Gabbard

November 15, 1965 - December 28, 2021

Former Fayetteville resident, John C.E. Gabbard, age 56, died December 28, 2021, in San Diego, California. He was born Monday, November 15, 1965, at Barstow, California, to Benjamin D. and Carolyn Janovic Gabbard.

John was a free spirit, enjoying fresh and saltwater fishing, NASCAR racing, football, and hockey. He loved being Santa Claus at Christmas time. A helping hand when someone needed one, he was loved by family and friends as a mischief maker and protector.

He was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin D. Gabbard. Sr. of Fayetteville, and grandparents, E.C. Gabbard and Imogene Gabbard both of Prairie Grove. Survivors include his mother, Carolyn Gabbard of Fayetteville; one brother, Benjamin D. Gabbard, Jr. of Winslow; and two sisters, Della Midgett and Helen Gabbard, both of Fayetteville. His 8 nieces and nephews and 11 grand-nieces and grand-nephews affectionately nicknamed him "Uncle Cookie" because he would always spoil them with cookies and run.

The family will receive friends at 9:00 AM, Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Brashears Funeral Home. A memorial service celebrating John's life will begin at 10:00 with James Gabbard officiating. Interment will immediately follow services at Farmer Cemetery, Hindsville. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Gabbard*



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**Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.** - January 25, 2022 at 09:47 AM

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“ John,

*I didn't want another brother after all I already had Ben.  
We fought as children, but when I asked you not to give Marlene  
another cookie that all changed.*

*You have been the best Uncle Cookie, brother, friend and partner in  
crime I could have asked for.*

*We have shared football games at home and away.  
Fishing trips on Lake Erie for Walleye and Galveston for Shark!!  
We enjoyed Nascar at Texas motor speedway.*

*I will always remember your jokes, laughter and that smile.  
Your contagious child-like ability to jump in feet first and go for it!*

*You would always make a way to see, talk or text with family almost  
every single day.  
That I think will hurt us the most. Not another text we will worry that  
it will explode if we open it!*

*You lived a lot in the short time you had on this planet, but you were  
awesome and loved by so many.*

*Seems like every place I called has said how they did things with  
you and they all like spending time with you.*

*I will ALWAYS miss you, but you will always be with me.*

*Love you.*

*Della*

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Della Midgett - January 26, 2022 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Mark, Della and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John Gabbard.*



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**Mark, Della and Family** - January 26, 2022 at 01:35 PM