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Michael David Kolacz, age 53, passed away at home in Wheatfield, NY on December 18, 2020 in the loving care of his dear friend, Judy (Steinbrenner) Jacobi after a short battle with cancer complicated by liver disease. Preceded in death by his parents, Chester T. and Rita L. (Wasiewicz) Kolacz, Mike is survived by three brothers and their families, Joseph (Marsha) Kolacz, John (Linda) Kolacz, and Richard (Tammy) Kolacz, and his dear Aunt, Charlotte Kolacz, as well as many friends, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A graduate of the State University of New York College at Alfred with a degree in Culinary Arts, Michael began his career as a corporate trainer at the Olive Garden and went on to become a chef at Salvatore's Italian Gardens where he made great food, memories, and lasting relationships. He is also known for his skills as a broiler chef at Danny's restaurant.

Having worked to become an Eagle Scout, Mike was an avid sportsman and was happiest fishing for salmon and trout on Lake Ontario, in the streams of his native Lancaster, NY, and hunting with his brother at his cabin. He also had a great passion for, and knowledge of, military history.

An outdoor memorial service is planned for Spring 2021 with the dedication of an engraved memorial path brick at the Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum in Point Breeze, NY. Memorial gifts may be made to Niagara Hospice.