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In addition to his wife of 32 years, John is survived by two daughters, Barbara (Norman) Barry of Niagara Falls, NY and Lori (John) Anthony of Grand Island, NY; four grandchildren, Stephen (Danielle) DePalma, Edward Barry, both of Niagara Falls, NY, Jordan Anthony and Jack Anthony, both of Grand Island, NY; one great-grandson, Stephen DePalma; his former wife, Fran Berds of Niagara Falls, NY; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was the step-father of Wendy (Kirk) Orr of Iowa, Lisa Mesler and Vicki Mesler, both of Lewiston, NY; step-grandfather of Phillip (Donna) Mesler, Steven Healey, Harold (Krystena) Healey and Amanda

Piccolo, all of Niagara Falls, NY; and step great-grandfather of Arynna Rosiro, Elijah Mesler, Emma Fifkey and Mathew Fifkey.

There will be no prior visitation. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Monday, November 14th, at 12:00 noon, at St. Raphael Church, 3840 Macklem Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY, with Rev. Ivan Skenderovic officiating. Arrangements by M.J.COLUCCI & SON NIAGARA FUNERAL CHAPEL, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY.