



Walter M. Pcolar



Highland, NY - Walter M. Pcolar passed away at home Friday morning after a mercifully short but heroic battle with cancer. He was surrounded and cared for by his loving family including his wife Laura Candy-Pcolar, children Leona Michele Pcolar and Ethan Thomas Pcolar of Highland, his brother David Pcolar of Carrboro, NC and his sister in law Lisa Candy of West Park, NY. Together with Hospice of Ulster and Dutchess Counties, they helped Walter pass peacefully with dignity and comfort. Walter was born to Michael and Leona Pcolar in Sewickley, PA in 1955. He attended Ambridge Area schools and after graduating, he worked briefly in the steel mills of Ambridge, PA alongside his father. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1972 during the Vietnam War where he combined his mechanical talent with his interest in aircraft. After discharge, he enrolled in The Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics graduating with a degree in Specialized Technology. Upon graduation, he moved to the Hudson Valley to begin working for IBM. Walter's mechanical and electrical knowledge, incredible work ethic and attention to detail served him well in all the technical maintenance positions that he held at IBM and its successive corporations. He began a new career on the railroad with Metro North in 2010 after 28 years in the microchip industry. He loved his new career and found great pleasure in the work. He was well respected by his colleagues and supervisors as evidenced by the hundreds of notes, cards, phone calls and visitors he had in his final days. Walter will be remembered for his quiet presence and generous heart. He always offered to lend a hand to anyone who needed his help from home improvement to mechanical projects. His genuine, easy going manner earned him many friends in his lifetime. From his early days at IBM, to his fun loving motorcycle family to his days with the railroad, Walter drew the love and respect of those around him. He will be missed by many, especially is dearest friend Armsted "Ted"



Mason Klein of Lakeland, FL. Walter married Laura Candy in 1989. They celebrated their 24th anniversary in October. Although he enjoyed his many friends, his work and his home, Walter's greatest joy came through his children. He was a tender father who was amazed by their many abilities and accomplishments. Although he was not always able express his pride, he beamed through many dance recitals and competitions, football and lacrosse games as well as their graduations. His love for both of his children was deep and their presence in his final days was vital to his peace of mind and heart. Walter was predeceased by his parents as well as many aunts and uncles. In addition to his aforementioned family, he is survived by his mother in law Barbara Gilmartin, who he affectionately called "Maw" of Newburgh, his father in law Thomas Candy Sr. of Kearney, Nebraska, brother in laws Michael, Matthew and Thomas Candy and their families, niece Kaylee Lewis of West Park, who lovingly called him Aunt Walter, David's wife Amy and children Andy, Ellie and Jerry and his loyal dog Bruce.