

Joseph A. Sugrue, 75, peacefully passed away on December 2, 2019 at Hospice of Dayton. He was the eldest child of Joseph P. and Adele (Richter) Sugrue, born on October 27, 1944 in Evanston, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Daniel Sugrue. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Kimberly (McCune) Sugrue. Other survivors include sisters Sharon Sugrue of Texas, and Nancy (Mike) Connor of Illinois; neices Katie (Tony) Zarlengo of Indiana, Megan (Mike) Gray of Texas, and Colleen Connor of Australia; and nephew Michael P. Connor of Illinois; grand-nephews Anthony and Alex Zarlengo, Aidan Gray, and grand niece Adele Gray. Other survivors include sister-in-law Iris Sugrue, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Tenley and Robert Bittner, cousins and extended family, Joe graduated from DePaul University of Chicago, B.S. 1967, where he was elected into the national Mathematics Honorary Society, Pi Mu Epsilon. He went on to receive his M.S. in Applied Mathematics at The Ohio State University and did further post graduate studies in Applied Math, Computer Science, Electrical Engr., Aerospace Engr., and Statistics. After his graduation from DePaul, Joe came to Wright-Patterson AFB and went to work for FTD, later the National Air and Space Intelligence Center till his retirement from Federal employment in 2000. At his retirement he was awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by the Department of the Air Force. After his first retirement, Joe went to work for the Georgia Institute of Technology (Research Institute) as a Senior Research Scientist from 2000 to 2009. From 2010 -2011, he worked there as a Special Employee. After that retirement he worked part-time as a researcher/consultant in the Electrical Engr. Department at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He very much enjoyed his work as a thesis advisor to the graduate students. The above facts barely begin to address the breadth and depth of Joe's professional contributions to the Intelligence Community and the security of this country. In his 54 years long career as a public servant he was detailed to other intelligence agencies, including the CIA, DIA, NGA, NSA, NRO, Naval Intelligence, AF Research Labs, NASA, the Department of State, and a myriad of special projects in the DOD. From briefings, treaty work, and papers he authored and co-authored, his accomplishments and awards from these assignments are too many to list. Succinctly put, he was one of the most prolific analysts in the business. He was an original, one-of-kind, out of the box thinker whose expertise was sought out by many sectors of the IC. He was devoted to the truth and beauty he saw in the rarefied air of higher mathematics. He was dedicated, loyal and patriotic. He was kind, decent and generous. He had much more to give. His family would like to thank the staff at the Kettering Cancer Center Soin Hospital for their care, the doctors and nurses during his last stay at Soin, and finally, a special thanks to his nurses, Jan, Carrie, Pattie and Brian at Hospice of Dayton for their attentive care during his last days. Following Joe's final wishes, there will be no services. His ashes will be scattered on a fine day next June under Michigan blue skies with white fluffy clouds at his favorite fishing spot in his beloved boyhood hometown of St. Joseph.