

Memories of Ed Cruice, shared by his wife Kathy and fellow CS-23 classmate Bob Voigt

Edward J. Cruice III was born on 30 Jan 1950 in Michigan. He graduated from South San Francisco High School in South San Francisco, class of 1968. Prior to joining the Air Force, Ed lived in Marina del Rey, CA. He was Air Force prior enlisted and attended the USAFA Preparatory School in 1968-69 prior to earning an appointment to the Academy. After graduating from the USAF Academy in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management, Ed and Kathy (Kathleen Marie) were married in 1973. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams AFB, AZ and in 1975 was stationed at Travis AFB with the 7th Military Airlift Squadron as a C-141 pilot. While at Travis, Ed completed his MBA with Southern Illinois University in 1976. Ed and Kathy's son, Brian (Brian Edward) was born in 1977. In 1978, Ed took a hard fall while water skiing and suffered chest pain. A large, softball size malignant tumor was discovered during his medical examination and removed. Captain Cruice was subsequently medically retired in December 1978 and passed away in San Francisco, CA on 19 Aug 1979.