



Cynthia Rose (Rullo) Salas

July 20, 1951 - October 10, 2025

Cynthia Rose (Rullo) Salas, 74, of Houston passed away October 10, 2025. Cynthia was born July 20, 1951 in, Downey, California

She is preceded in death by Parents, George and Roseann Rullo and sister Sandra Ivory of Latrobe, Pa.

She is survived by husband Juan Carlos (John) Salas, Brother Ron Rullo, wife Martha of Tucson, Az –Brother-in-law Ken Ivory of Latrobe, Pa , Sister Georgiann, husband Dave Caskins of Houston, Tx. – Sister Darlene Huffman, husband Mark of Latrobe, Pa, Numerous nieces, nephews, and devoted friends Joe Casares, Jennifer Spurlock and Linda Fisher.

Cindi grew up in Latrobe, Pa. graduated from Latrobe High School in 1969 and moved to Houston, Texas in 1982. She earned her BS degree in Business management from LeTourneau University in Houston.

Cindi's Career began at Allegheny Energy in various engineering technician roles from 1969 – 1982.

She worked at CenterPoint Energy in a number of managerial positions from 1982 through 2019, performing in various leadership capacities, including geospatial information technology, underground line locating, land and right-of-way and street lighting and retiring as Director, Purchasing and Logistics. In

2018 she was recognized as one of the Top 30 Influential Women of Houston, receiving Congressional recognition.

From March of 2019 through November 2023 Cindi pursued her long-time love of entertaining and decorating by opening and operating “Your Cup of Tea” – a traditional English style tea Room and collectables shop. She had numerous loyal customers and made many new friends while operating her beautifully decorated tea room.

She became dedicated and was a champion for the Houston Junior Forum through the Resale shop and its cause – charitable services for children, youth, women and senior adults.

Cindi enjoyed travelling abroad, Broadway plays, entertaining, Astro’s baseball, Football (especially the Pittsburgh Steelers), playing Mahjong and movie night with friends. Cindi loved her cats, Snowball and Pepper and most importantly her family.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM with a Prayer and personal tributes at 1:30 PM at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in the Friendship Court Hall @ 12955 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held in Latrobe. Pa. at Lopatich-Brinker Funeral Home on October 25, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. prior to burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation on behalf of Cindi to:

Houston Junior Forum @ Houstonjuniorformun.org – Designate Resale Shop

Program

American Cancer Society @ donate.cancer.org

Previous Events

Casual Visitation

OCT 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (Friendship Ct)
12955 Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77079

Prayer and Personal Tributes

OCT 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

OCT 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lopatich-Brinker Funeral Home
601 Weldon St.
Latrobe , PA 15650

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I had the privilege of being Cindi’s assistant for a few years up to her retirement. She was a phenomenal lady, and we quickly developed a close friendship—we could talk about anything and everything. Cindi was always there for others, continuously learning new things and encouraging everyone around her to do the same. Her love for Your Cup of Tea showed through her smile and the extra touches she added to every event and each guest she welcomed.

May she rest in peace. Our prayers are with her family and friends.

Bea & Chris Mogannam

Beatriz Mogannam - October 18, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ Cindi was a regular customer at "Your Cup of Tea" and once she retired showed an interest in purchasing the tea room once it went on the market, It never made it to the market she became the new owner once my Husband passed. She loved the tea room almost as much as I did, ran it with love and hard work, I could not have passed the baton of my life's dream to a better owner, that would take it to the next level. Thank you Dear Heart. RIP

Mary Schnurr - October 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TB

“ Cyndi broke the glass ceiling in the Geospatial and utilities industries, rising to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Geospatial Information Technologies Association (GITA) and serve several prominent roles in the electric power transmission arena. I knew her as a tough as nails negotiator, stern but fair colleague, but above all, a kind and thoughtful friend who always had time to spare an encouraging word with my students. Always well attired, punctual, and prepare, she blazed a trail in a "man's world". She inspired many of my students and her mentorship to them will be missed. Moreover, I will miss her.

Talbot J Brooks - October 17, 2025 at 12:15 AM

JS

“ Cindi and I met when I started working at West Penn in 1971. We became fast friends and we often carpooled together since we were both living in Jeannette. She also was a bridesmaid in my wedding. I was so sorry when she left town but we occasionally touched base over Facebook. Ron and I are sending our thoughts and prayers to her family. She was a beautiful person!

Jackie Lauffer Sheleheda - October 16, 2025 at 03:59 PM

RK

“ I had the great privilege to work with Cindi supporting her departments. She was a kind and thoughtful person. Not only at work but outside of work as well. My wife and I would always run into her at the Nutcracker Market every year and we all had a great time together! We will definitely miss her and our prayers are with her family.

God bless,

Roger and Towana Krenek

Roger Krenek - October 16, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LF

“ Linda Fisher lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Rose (Rullo) Salas



Linda Fisher - October 16, 2025 at 06:47 AM

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“ Linda Fisher sent a virtual gift in memory of Cynthia Rose (Rullo) Salas



Linda Fisher - October 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MH

“ I was Cindi's Admin for about 5 years. I remember the day I interviewed with her in 2006. We talked about some of everything and nothing about the job. I left not expecting to hear a anything. Very quickly I received a call. So then the talk became it must have been the brown suit. An unusual color to wear for an interview but we both had on brown suits that day. So I always told people that's why I got the job. We had a work relationship all the way to 2019. But remained in touch via Facebook. She will forever be remembered. I regret I'm unable to attend the memorial but her family and friends will in my thoughts and prayers.



Michelle Hammonds - October 15, 2025 at 02:17 AM