



## Claude William Wallis

April 7, 1936 - March 14, 2019

Claude William Wallis, of Willis Texas, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of March 14, 2019, just shy of his 83rd birthday. Born April 7, 1936 to parents Hugh “Pop” and Myrtle “Ninee” Wallis of Houston Texas, and raised primarily in the Gulfgate area, Claude decided at only 18 years of age that the best way to develop a more disciplined lifestyle was to join the military. While working for the US Airforce in Palm Beach Florida, doing everything from peeling potatoes to repairing aircraft engines, he met, fell in love with and married Carmen C. Cusworth in June 1955. Not long after, the newlyweds relocated to Fairbanks Alaska, courtesy of the USAF, where Cynthia Lee was born in March 1957. Given a newborn and the frigid Alaskan climate didn’t mix well, Claude secured a transfer to a warmer, more familiar post at Ellington Field, just outside of Houston, later that same year. When Clint Howard was born in November 1958, Claude decided to go into business for himself once he had completed his USAF tour obligation. Claude then purchased 2 full-service Sinclair gas stations, made a lot of new life-long friends and enjoyed his family. Eventually Claude sold the Sinclair stations, went to work for GE, and then Texaco. Sadly, after 28 years of wedded bliss, Carmen passed away after battling cancer, leaving Claude devastated. But after a short time, Claude met the second love of his life, Paulette Agnew. Following a short courtship Claude and Paulette were married in January 1984. Claude continued to work for Texaco, eventually retiring once he reached age 55. Together, Claude and Paulette enjoyed the “retired” life, living

on Lake Conroe, boating, water skiing and enjoying the outdoors during the summer, snow skiing during the winter, all the while spoiling the grandkids. More than anything, Claude loved his grandkids, and great grand kids, to the point of more than life itself, and made it his mission in his life to make enrich their lives. Claude lost his son Clint, to cancer which took a tremendous toll on his heart and looked to family to help him deal with that pain. He also deeply loved Paulette, so much so that as Paulette dealt with the debilitating Alzheimers disease, he would not leave her side, moving into the same assisted living facility with Paulette to care for her personally. Again Claude was devastated when Paulette passed away December 1, 2018, but he refused to give up on life. He again relied on his family to help fill the void and as he put it, still had someone to meet here on earth before meeting Jesus in Heaven.

Claude is survived by his daughter Cindy Henning and son-in-law Glen Henning, who was also the best man at Claude and Paulette's wedding. Additionally he is survived by Grandsons Garrett, Colbert and Sheldon Henning, Daughters-in-law Stephanie and Cynthia Henning, great grandchildren Kinleigh, Hudson and Cora Henning, Daughter-in-law Georgina Wallis, and grandchildren Pia and Sergi Wallis. Additionally Claude is survived by multiple nieces and nephews, sister in-laws, and great nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Interment

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale  
6900 Lawndale  
Houston, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Claude William Wallis*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Claude. He was a good man and a good friend. I have a lot of great memories with him and Carmen at Lake Somerville with all the gang that would come to camp, water ski, and just have a great time. God Bless*

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**Larry Howard** - March 18, 2019 at 01:14 AM



*Thank you Larry for you kind comments regarding my Dad. Cindy Henning*

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**cindy henning** - February 17, 2021 at 12:01 PM