

Kalpana Chawla

Kalpana Chawla was born on March 17, 1962. She was an Indian born American Astronaut. After getting a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Aeronautical Engineering College, Chandigarh. She moved to the United States in 1982 where she obtained a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1984. In 1988, she began working at NASA, where she did computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) research on vertical or short take-off and landing concepts after becoming a naturalized US citizen in April 1991. Chawla applied for the NASA astronaut corps. Her first space mission began on November 19, 1997. Kalpana ~~Chawla~~ Chawla died in the space shuttle Columbia disaster which occurred on February 1, 2003. She was killed along with the other six crew members. When the

Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, shortly before, it was scheduled to conclude its 28th mission, STS-107

Chandla's remains was identified along with the rest of the crew members and were cremated and scattered at National Park in Utah in accordance with her wishes, she was the first Indian woman to go to space. In honour to her the Indian government built on Kalpana Chandla Planetarium ~~Planetarium~~ Planetarium in Haryana.

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