Whitney Elizabeth Houston was an American recording artist, actress, producer and model.

She was born in Newark, New Jersey, August 9, 1963. She was the second child of Army serviceman and entertainment executive John Russell Houston and gospel singer Cissy Houston. She had two older brothers, Gary Garland, who was a singer, and Michael Houston. Whitney was a notable figure in the gospel, rhythm and blues, pop, and soul genres. At the age of 11, Houston started performing as a soloist in the junior gospel choir at the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, where she also learned to play the piano. Her first solo performance in the church was "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah".

Houston's first acting role was as the star of the feature film The Bodyguard. The film's original soundtrack won the 1994 Grammy Award for Album of the Year. Its lead single "I Will Always Love You" became the best-selling single by a female artist in music history. Houston is the only artist to chart seven consecutive number 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits. In 2009, the Guinness World Records cited her as the most awarded female act of all time. And we all must give her our respect and admiration.

On February 11, 2012, Houston was found dead in her guest room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, in Beverly Hills, California. Subsequent toxicology reports showed that she had accidentally drowned in the bathtub.