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Kalpana Chawla
Astronaut

Kalpana Chawla (1962-2003) was the first Indian American astronaut and the first Indian woman in space. She came to the United States at age 20 and earned a PhD in Aerospace Engineering at University of Colorado, Boulder. She first flew on Space Shuttle *Columbia* STS-87 in 1997, and in 2003, she was one of the seven crew members killed in the Space Shuttle *Columbia* STS-107 disaster. Chawla was honored posthumously with the Congressional Space Medal of Honor in 2004.