

# TAMMY FAYE

## The MOVIE

‘Dallas’ cutie Charlene Tilton is honored to portray good friend on film



Charlene Tilton says Tammy Faye gave her blessing for a film based on her life

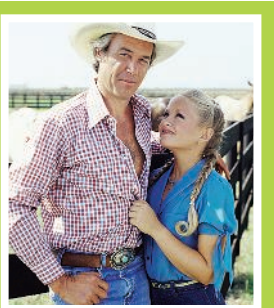
EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

**H**OLY Hollywood! Charlene Tilton is gearing up to star in her dream movie project – playing super-evangelist Tammy Faye Messner.

The former “Dallas” sexpot was a longtime friend of Tammy Faye, who died in July 2007 after a decade-long battle with colon cancer. The two worked closely on writing an accurate account of Tammy Faye’s life.

“Tammy gave me her blessing to turn her life into a movie,” Charlene, 49, told The ENQUIRER in an

exclusive interview. “She was one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. She was totally forgiving and non-judgmental – and she deserves to be remembered as she was, a true Christian who loved all mankind.



Charlene on “Dallas” with Steve Kanaly

“The script is nearing completion, and production companies are already showing a great deal of interest.

“In about three months a deal should be in place to turn Tammy’s life into a fascinating biopic. This project is the dream coming true for me,

and playing Tammy is a role I hold close to my heart.”

Charlene, who’s been married and divorced twice, will co-write, co-produce and star in the movie.

Tammy Faye, who started as a Christian singer, rocketed to fame when she and then-husband Jim Bakker started together on the now-defunct Christian PTL Network. She quickly became a household name and face – known for

her heavy makeup and mascara running down her cheeks when she cried.

At the height of its popularity, PTL raked in more than \$125 million annually. Eventually, the couple’s empire collapsed in scandal and Jim ended up in prison. She later



FIRST HUSBAND: Jim Bakker



SECOND HUSBAND: Roe Messner

divorced him and married Roe Messner.

by ROBIN MIZRAHI

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GOOD news or bad, The ENQUIRER is first with the scoops.

We broke the happy news that comic actor Jack Black and his wife Tanya are having another baby – and we were first to disclose the sordid circumstances of Ike Turner’s death.

“People” magazine recently trumpeted Jack’s baby news – but

ENQUIRER readers knew all about it weeks ago! We even revealed back in December that the “Nacho Libre” star was expecting a baby boy – a detail that “People” missed.

Also in December, we revealed that rock legend Ike Turner died



the way he lived – partying and smoking crack cocaine.

It wasn’t until a month later that the daily press caught up with The ENQUIRER.

News outlets reported what came as no surprise to our readers – that the medical examiner

concluded the 76-year-old rock pioneer had died of a cocaine overdose. If you really want to be the first to know, The ENQUIRER is the only place to go.

by PHILIP KIM

