

Tammy Faye Tilton

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'Dallas' cutie **TRANSFORMED** into televangelist for movie



Charlene Tilton re-enacts the impassioned praying Tammy Faye was known for

Makeup and lighting conspire to make Charlene a virtual twin of Tammy Faye

CHARLENE TILTON is being transformed into super evangelist Tammy Faye Messner for an upcoming biopic – and The ENQUIRER has an exclusive sneak peek!

The two were longtime friends and worked together on Tammy Faye's life story before she died of colon cancer at age 65 in July 2007.

"Tammy gave me the rights to her story, and said, 'Charlene, no one can play me like you can.' I promised her I would see the project through," the former "Dallas" sexpot told The ENQUIRER.

Tammy became a Christian icon while starring with then-husband Jim Bakker on the now-defunct PTL Club (Praise the Lord) broadcast. The religious TV empire went down in flames after Bakker was accused of raping Jessica Hahn and was sent to prison for fraud and conspiracy.

Tammy divorced Jim while he was in prison and married contractor Roe Messner.

SAID CHARLENE: "TAMMY CAME from nothing. She and Jim began their career by putting on puppet shows for children in church basements."



Charlene with Steve Kanaly on "Dallas"

Charlene, no one can play me like you can,
– Tammy Faye

"But even after they became rich and famous, Tammy stayed the same sweet, funny and caring person she always was."

In these exclusive pictures by Emmy Award-winning makeup artist and international photographer Judith Orr, Charlene, 49, embraces several iconic looks of her dear friend, who was known for her heavy makeup and thick mascara.

"I only wish Tammy were still here to see her life immortalized on the screen," Charlene concluded.

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