

Sad last days for two TV legends

Tammy Faye: 'I'M READY TO MEET JESUS'

TAMMY FAYE MESSNER weighs only 65 pounds and is near death – but she's telling friends that she's not afraid of dying because she's ready to meet Jesus.

The 64-year-old former queen of religious TV has battled colon cancer on and off for the past decade, but the cancer spread to her lungs in 2004, and now doctors have let her go home to die.

"Two months ago they gave Tammy two weeks to live – they never expected her to last until Thanksgiving – but her faith and optimism are keeping her alive," Tammy's childhood friend told *The ENQUIRER*.

"The last few months she believed in a miracle, that somehow she would be cured – but now she's facing the fact that she's dying.

"She told me, 'I'm so excited to finally meet Jesus. I wish I didn't have to leave my family for that, but I've waited all my life to see him.'"

Tammy Faye, whose cancer is no longer being treated, is in the Charlotte, N.C., home she shares with her second husband, Roe Messner – whom she married in 1993, a year after she divorced disgraced televangelist Jim Bakker.

"Tammy can move around a little, with help – but she's so very thin, and unsteady on her feet," continued the friend. "She stays in her bedroom, and she keeps the room dark, with the curtains closed.

"She can barely eat – just a little soup here and there – but somehow she manages to keep a smile on her face."

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