



Letishia Vanessa Barfield

June 28, 1963 - January 20, 2006

LETISHIA "TISH" (VAN) BARFIELD, founder of Barfield and Company Dance Studios died January 20, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Johnnie Barfield and her two daughters Sierra and Erica Barfield. Tish joined the Cluster Baptist Church in Aliceville, AL at an early age where she was extremely active in the Youth Choir as well as the Junior Missionary Society and the Junior Usher Board. She continued her service to God at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chesterfield, VA., as an active member and as the director of the praise dance team. Her love for dance was evident at an early age by her passionate participation in dance activities highlighted by her selection as a Majorette for the Aliceville High School Marching Band and later as Pipette for Tuskegee University's Marching Crimson Piper Band. As an adult, Tish normally spent the vast majority of her days in front of a computer screen as an accountant with the Department of Juvenile Justice. However her passion and her heart still rested with dance. In 2001, Tish recruited 6 young ladies from the youth group at Trinity Baptist Church. In her mind, this small praise and dance group would promote the WORD by performing at local churches. Tish's vision culminated in the creation of Barfield and Company Dance Studios which at the time of her death had a company of high school and college-age dancers who performed at a variety of venues including Maymont and Paramount's Kings Dominion as well as Richmond's Cultural Arts Center. Tish's social activities included memberships in Wright Beauty 616 Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Letishia, we love you dearly and you will be greatly missed: Johnnie, loving and devoted husband; Erica and Sierra, loving daughters; Warren Lavender, father; and Belinda Lavender Windham (Terry), sister.

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“ *Letishia Vanessa Barfield*

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“ *Johnnie, Sierra, & Erica, I send my love and prays that God will strength and comfort you during this time and always.##imported-begin##Toni Anderson##imported-end##*

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“ *Praying for your strength and comfort at this time##imported-begin##Donnette McLennon##imported-end##*

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“ *My prays are with you and I ask God to Comfort and Strengthen you.##imported-begin##Theresa Nwabufo##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Laura Condrey##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy for you and your family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Patricia Davis##imported-end##

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“ Tish will be truly missed and it saddens us that we will not see that beautiful face and smile again.##imported-begin##Central Infirmery Staff##imported-end##

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“ I will miss Tish's smile and wonderful sense of humor. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##A Friend##imported-end##

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“ Johnnie, Sierra & Erica My prayers are with you. I pray that God will strengthen you and comfort you in your time of sorry.##imported-begin##Renee' Campbell##imported-end##

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“ To: The Intire family of Letishia V. Barfield We send our greatest sympathy and love to you during this time. Our prayers are with you and we will always be there for you. God is your strength and he will keep you until the end. We love you all and Tish... The Beauty Shop Girls (Kim G., DeeDee M., Adrienne H., Shiris W., Ivy S., Denise B., Natisha B., Phenice B., Sheila I., Lisa J.& Lisa T.)##imported-begin##Ladies of T's Hair & Nails##imported-end##

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“ Johnny, Cierra, and Erica. You were blessed to have Tish/Van as a wife and mother. She was a wonderful person and she had a heart of Gold to all who knew her. Her spunky, funny, loving personaility will be truly missed. Tish always kept it real... When I thought of her, I started to laugh b/c I think on the wonderful times we had as friends. No words can express the loss that has occurred . I believe Tish is in peace with the Lord and I'm sure she's having a ball dancing in his presence. This is our greatest comfort in such a time like this. Erica & Cierra continue to keep the vision your mother created. Be blessed in all that you do. Time will heal your hearts with the help of God and always remember God is just a prayer away. He will never leave you girls nor forsake you... Johnny be ENCOURAGED and I pray your strength in the Lord. We love you all The Brooks Family###imported-begin##Robin & Lowell Brooks Sr.###imported-end##

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“ Uncle Johnnie, Sierra & Erica, I really miss Mrs. Barfield. I am glad to be a part of the family and to have the sister relationship we have;especially in Barfield & Co. I will always remember her & the love she gave me. I love you all.###imported-begin##Nayyir Payne###imported-end##

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“ Johnnie, Sierra and Erica, May God grant you comfort and the peace that surpasses understanding at this time. We loved Tish and we love you! Always know that we are but a call away.###imported-begin##Moma Turner, Soror Gayle and Pop###imported-end##

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“ One of the Lord's Warriors has been called home for a job completed here on earth. She has touched many lives with the warmth and love of Jesus. May the Lord grant her family the PEACE that passes all understanding.##imported-begin##The Hicks Family##imported-end##

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“ To the family & friends of Mrs. Barfield. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife, mother and friend. I didn't know your loved one personally, but I know what the pain is like of losing someone you love. I just want to share a scripture from God's Word, the bible in hopes of bringing you comfort. A scripture that comes to mind is found at Isaiah 26:19 which reads: "Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine-they will rise. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust!" This wonderful promise from our loving Heavenly Father, Jehovah is encouraging to all who has lost a loved one. He promises to cause those death has taken from us to rise up and live. He then promises at Isaiah 25:8 to "Actually swallow up death forever". No doubt this is a time we all look forward to. Please compare these verses to your copy of the bible and see these wonderful truths firsthand. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Denise Dukes##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. It is truly unfortunate that at some time in our life we have to experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love. May you find comfort now and in the days to come from the hope given us at Acts 24:15 -"and I have this hope toward God...that there is going to be a resurrection..."##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Barfield. As you all hold onto the memories Letishia, also hold onto the comfort from Almighty God who promises that soon "...many of those asleep in the ground will wake up." Daniel 12:2. May this be a source of comfort to you all.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ Dear Johnnie, Sierra, and Erica: Tish was a wonderful and beautiful woman. Although our meeting was brief, she had a profound impact on me and I am the better for having met her and all of you. Her spirit was truly that of an angel and now she is shining down on all whom she touched from Heaven. May God continue to bless all of you during this time. My love is with you and your family.##imported-begin##Evette Mills##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes to the family that has always been a part of my family. May God bless you and keep each you.##imported-begin##Gwendolyn Hodges Hurst##imported-end##

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“ *Barfield and Lavender Families; May your troubled hearts find peace and comfort in the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Believe with Faith, in your heart, Van soul has ascended to Heaven, greeted by The Father. Johnnie, Erica, Sierra, Warren and Belinda; Rejoice and be Thankful, for believing in an unselfish God, who shared His Angel with you-for just a little while. Van's legacy, to Praise and up left God's Word will forever live on within each of you, Amen.##imported-begin##Alonzo Spencer##imported-end##*

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“ *To the family and friends of Letishia Vanessa Barfield I would like to said how sorry I am for your loss. To loss someone who has lived such a short period of time leaves a void and Question as to why. The bible can bring comfort at this time 2Corinthians 1:3,4 says Jehovah God is the God of comfort and of tender mercies and he will be with us in our tribulation. Jesus speaks of a time when we will see our love ones again right here on earth as John 5:28,29 says the righteous will be resurrected on earth in the future. To be able to see our love ones to talk to them again here on earth. Isaiah 25:8 says death will be done away with forever. These are promises we can have hope and comfort in. My Deepest sympathy Shirel Halstead.##imported-begin##Shirel Halstead##imported-end##*

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“ *Johnnie, Sierra and Erika, may God continue to comfort you during your hours of breavement.##imported-begin##Sharon S. Morris##imported-end##*

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“ To Van's family: In times like these you need an anchor. May you find that anchor and comfort in the words of 1 Thessolonians 4:13-18. Believe that God will never leave you nor forsake you. My continued prayers for God's perfect peace to be yours are being lifted.##imported-begin##Janice Maxine Jones##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I just wanted you to know how sad it was to hear of your lost, your wife and mother has touched so many lives. My son Thomas Smith has danced for her in several of her show's and thought very highly of "Aunt Tish". May God keep you in His loving care and watch over each of you. Just rememeber the good times you shared with her and it will certinly bring a smile to each of your faces. God Bless and take care. The Smith Family, (Andrea, Thomas Sr. & Thomas Jr.)##imported-begin##Andrea Smith##imported-end##

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“ Sometimes there are no words to ease the pain of losing a loved one in death. But we can obtain comfort from the bible because it contains the truth about why we die, and God's purpose for bringing an end to sickness and death. Acts 24:15 tells us that there is going to be a ressurection of both the righteous, and the unrighteous. So all who have died will have an oppportunity for eternal life in a peaceful new world. Psalm 37: 10,11 says that the meek ones will inherit the earth, and will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace. I hope brings you comfort.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ As the condolences continue to pour in, may we also offer our deepest sympathy. Death leaves such a deep scar in one's life as it was not Almighty God's original plan that we die. Please take comfort in Scripture: Isaiah 25:8, 9 where this enemy death will surely be removed by means of Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Mrs. Lewis##imported-end##

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“ Death is a harsh and devastating interruption to life a precious gift of God. Yet in most of our lives today we see death as our final eventuality accepted by many. However our heavenly father Jehovah God, the giver of life promises that one day in our near future death will be no more. As Revelations 21:3-4 states “God will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be anymore.” How truly happy we all will be not to ever be threaten by death because it is Jehovah God's promise to us according to Psalms 37:29 for the righteous ones to live forever on earth. Another hopeful awaiting thought in our future is all those who have lost their lives to death or the lost of our love ones, Jehovah God says according to John 5:28,29 all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus voice and come out. Yes these ones will live again! We all can hold fast to this because Titus 1:2 states: upon the basis of hope of everlasting life, which God, who cannot lie promised before times long lasting. Such a comforting thought to know our having life forever was always Jehovah God's promised purpose for us. My deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ Hello. Barfield Family ! May you all be having peace and our sincere condolences to you all. Death is our enemy as the bible say at 1 Cor. 15:26 will be brought to nothing. We can have hope from our creator who give us comfort There are many promises found in the bible such as Rev.21:3,4 where the time is coming when death, pain , sorrow, and tears will be gone forever. Sickness will a thing of the past as Isa.33:24 tells us. No one will ever say they are sick again. I hope these few thought have been encouraging to you all. My deepest sympathy. Lillian Crosby.##imported-begin##lillian crosby##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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