



Tamara Janice Dobson

May 14, 1947 - October 1, 2006

Tamara Janice Dobson was born a star; shining like the beautiful island of Ireland-green and Majestic. Outgoing, vivacious and talented as a child-ballet dancing her way with her mother's guidance into the brightly lit future that would soon be hers. Not only was she to become a licensed cosmetologist like her mother before her, "Venus" Evelyn Russell Dobson winning several awards for styling hair. Tamara became a model as a result of earning a bachelors of arts degree in fashion illustration and design from the Maryland Institute of Art; ultimately appearing in such magazines as Vogue, Covers of Essence, Jet covers, Harper's Bazaar, Book Covers, as well as Penthouse, the face of Revlon, Charlie perfume and Faberge's Tigress campaign. Tamara's film career was launched in 1972 with a small part in "Fuzz" playing Yul Brynner's love interest; the film also starred Burt Reynolds and Raquel Welch. The big break came in her acting career when she received a groundbreaking opportunity from Warner Brothers to play "Cleopatra Jones", a premiere, first-class part in the black exploitation film genre. Starring Shelley Winters, Bernie Casey and Antonio Fargas; directed by Jack Starett; written and produced by Max Julien "The Mack." Tamara's presentation in her first starring role was overwhelming. She excelled above her own expectations. Tamara was at the forefront of that genre of film that opened the door to roles for other black actresses "Coffee", "Foxy Brown", and "Get Christie Love." In 1975 Tamara starred in the sequel to "Cleopatra Jones" In "a crossover star; the film, shown around the world made billions of

dollars for Warner Brothers. The exotic clothing, wide brimmed hats were trendsetting establishing Tamara's style throughout the 1970's. Known as the world's tallest leading lady by the Guinness Book of elegance. The ability to be blessed with a powerful aura and walk that literally moved people gracefully out of her way while walking down a crowded New York City street was awe inspiring. These are her film credits: "Come Back Charleston Blue" (1972) with Bill Cosby and Sidney Portier and Godfrey Cambridge; "Norman Is That You" (1976) with Redd Foxx and Pearl Bailey; "Murder at the World Series" Stevens and Linda Blair. Tamara also starred in television series and movies such as "Amazons," directed by Paul Michael Glaser of "Starsky and Hutch" fame, "Jason of Star Command" and "Buck Roger's in the 25th Century." Tamara lived most of her life in New York City in the exclusive Carnegie Condominiums on 57th Street where Arthur Ashe also resided. The world rarely got a chance to envision a beautiful black woman like Tamara Dobson's black female power, black movie power, and black monetary. With the brains, beauty and femininity to match these attributes, a powerful, strong and gorgeous smile, an absolute perfectionist in all aspects of her life including cleaning, cooking, working out and acting she stood above the rest. Black beauty personified, she was struck down and diagnosed with a degenerative disease thought to be multiple sclerosis in 1998. For eight years she fought valiantly with the help of her family members especially her sister Darylyn Evelyn Dobson, owner/cosmetologist of Evelyn Salon. Tamara is one of the children of the larger family of Dobson's and Russell's - Rev. Vernon Dobson of Union Baptist Church and Honorable Judge George Russell, both of Baltimore, MD. Not coming from poor sources she was a great joy to aunts, uncles and cousins in the time of her celebrity and spent as much time with family members as her busy schedule allowed. The community, the country, the world will surely miss this beautiful, essential black woman who had a power walk and a powerful, enduring spirit fighting for life eternal like the bright stars in the sky. She has passed on but not over and she will not be forgotten. Amen to that. Tamara is survived by Darylyn Evelyn Dobson B.K.A

as the Black Rock Scottish Malloy; Peter Dobson; Aaron Dobson, 17; Alicia Dobson, 12; Valyn Dobson, 12; and Keleb Dobson, 10.

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“ Decades ago, I worked with Tamara Dobson's brother (Peter). Pete Dobson and I quickly became friends while employed by MCI Communications Corporation in Towson, Maryland. On at least one occasion, I recall Pete speaking fondly of his sister with genuine pride.

Popular as a fashion model and actress (appearing in such so-called "blaxploitation" films as "Cleopatra Jones" (1973) and its "Cleopatra Jones and the Casino of Gold" (1975) sequel), Tamara boldly challenged stereotypes. She seemed resolute in her focus on fighting racial inequality.

Standing tall, the statuesque Tamara clearly showed true strength and grace in promoting high-octane advocacy for civil rights. She reportedly passed away in October of 2006 at the Keswick Multi-Care Center in Baltimore. Rest in peace, Tamara Janice Dobson.

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“ You Have Our Heartfilled Sympathy. We Loved Tamera...From Her Devoted Fans. Candace, Denise Carl , Matthew, and Franklin. ##imported-begin## Denise McNeil ##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family, Please accept my condolences for the loss of you dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly assures us that Almighty God will bring many back to life from the dead. When that time comes he will have cleansed the earth of all causes of death, sickness, sorrow and pain. (Revelation 21:3-5) May you receive much comfort and strength from one another, friends and the many loving promises from the Bible. ##imported-begin## Sharon Hill ##imported-end##

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“ To all of Tamara's family I WISH YOU PEACE. Tamara and I were best bud's way back to Brantley Av. and the Schroeder Street beauty salon her mom owned. She was a wonderful person and a blessing to know. Again... I wish you all peace and comfort. She is smiling down on all of you with love. ##imported-begin## Theresa Keyes Sexton ##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mrs. Dobson, I offer my most deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Unfortunately, death is now a part of all of our lives, but it's something we can never get used to. It leaves a deep wound in our hearts, and we all long for relief. God promises that relief is coming soon, and this enemy death will be completely done away with. 1st Cor. 15:26 says, "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing. Also Isaiah 25:8 says, "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. "And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken it." So we can put our trust in his promises, because he is a God who cannot lie. Hebrews 6:18. Please take comfort in his promises, because they will without fail come true, and we will have the opportunity to be reunited with our loved ones again.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Ms. Dobson, I offer my sincere sympathy. Though I did not know Tamara personally, I knew of her through her entertainment. I wanted to leave a message for you because I know the sorrow we feel when we lose someone we love. It seems to go on forever. It may even seem like there is no source of relief. Be assured that there is one that will provide us with relief, "the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort"(2 Corinthians 1:3,4). We only have to ask. He promises us that there will soon be an end to death, (Rev 21:3,4) and a resurrection for those who have fallen asleep in death (John 5:28,29). These promises were made by the "God who cannot lie." Titus 1:2. I would love to discuss these and other wonderful provisions with you. Please contact me if you are interested.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Tamara Dobson. I was truly touched upon hearing the death of Ms. Dobson. I remember her through the entertainment industry. May Psalm 145:16 bring you comfort because Almighty God is “..opening his hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing.” One such desire is to see our dead love ones alive and embracing us again. Please take comfort at John 5:28,29 which says “The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tomb will hear his voice and come out...”
V Adams

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“ To the Dobson Family: May God sustain you now and forever. Tamara left us beautiful memories. She visited my 11th grade class at Western High. She gave us words of encouragement, and told us to stay in school, and make something out of yourselves. With those words of encouragement, I am the holder of 2 college degrees. I wish she were here, so I could thank her. Thank you Tamara for those words of encouragement. Rest in peace, You are now resting with Jesus, with no more suffering. Love to you family,
Karen
Karen Y. Harris

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“ DEAREST FAMILY, MY CONDOLENCES IN THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF COPING MAY YOU DRAW COMFORT FROM GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE. MANY WHO HAVE DIED HAVE THE HOPE OF LIVING AGAIN BY MEANS OF A RESURRECTION. GOD HAS A YEARNING TO UNDUE ALL THAT DEATH HAS CAUSED. (JOB 14:14,15) OUR LOVED ONES WILL COME BACK TO LIFE AND LIVE RIGHT HERE ON THIS CLEANSED EARTH. (PSALM 37:11,29) THE APOSTLE PETER BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE A WOMAN WHO WAS FAMOUS FOR HER MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS. (ACTS 9:36-42) MAY YOU FIND SOLACE IN ALL THAT GOD PROMISES.##imported-begin##MICHELLE##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I have always loved and admired tamara, she is gone in flesh but her presence will always be with us because she was a unique lady. I am deeply sorry for your lost but we have all lost too. I recently ask her cousin, that works at the school, where my son attends, how is tamara doing? i told her that i wanted to see her, when i heard that she had passed, i could not beleive that she was gone.I will deeply miss her##imported-begin##Jacquelyn Fisher##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Ms. Dobson, may GOD bless you and keep you in HIS care always. I have had Multiple Sclerosis for 13 years and it is a tough battle but it is a battle that I don't have to fight or worry about because I know GOD is in control. This is something that Ms. Dobson knows at this very moment for our bodies are just temporary shells for our time here on this Earth and our spirit will live on forever with the LORD. I grew up watching Ms. Dobson in the 70's and 80's. When I found out she had MS too, I thought to myself, I am in good company. Now Ms. Dobson can say the same for herself. GOD bless you all and know that you will see her again. "a Lil sister in CHRIST"##imported-begin##Angela Johnson##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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