



## Tia Gardner

January 15, 1994 - October 7, 2013

Tia Jordan Gardner 19, of New Castle went to be with the Lord Monday, October 7, 2013. Tia came to us on a snowy January day and touched all of us with her beautiful smile, abundant curls and bubbly personality. She was a 2012 graduate of Craig County High School and leaves behind so many special friends. She was a member of the New Castle United Methodist Church. Welcoming her to heaven are Papa Sonny, MawMaw Dottie and Granny Della. Left to cherish her memory are her loving parents Lori B. Gardner and Troy D. Gardner, Grandmother Gwen V. Bostic, Aunt and Uncle Tony and Angie Gardner, Cousin and special friend Tonya Gardner, dear friend Jessie Stebar, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Friday October 11, 2012 at Grace Baptist Church New Castle with Pastor Willie Guill and Emory Tarpley officiating. Interment will follow at Westview Cemetery Blacksburg, VA. The family will receive friends 6-8 pm Thursday October 10, 2013 at Paitsel Funeral Home New Castle, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tia's memory for a scholarship fund to be established at Farmers and Merchants Bank in New Castle. Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Lori  
My heart is breaking for you. I know your life centered around Tia.  
Your were an awesome Mother and friend to her. She was such a  
good Christian girl. God welcomed her with open arms. I'm praying  
for you and Troy. I know God will help you thru this.*  
Love,  
Sandra

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**Sandra Wheeler** - October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our prayers.*

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**Lisa** - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ *You all are in our thoughts and prayers!*

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**Tim** - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayer with you.*

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**heather and Jacob cooper Oct** - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *My Dear Lori, you have been in my thoughts and prayers ever since  
I learned of Tia's death. While I know your heart is aching, find  
comfort in knowing that the thoughts of so many are with you during  
this time. Hold fast to your faith and to God's unchanging hand,  
knowing that His grace truly is sufficient. Together and with God,  
your family will get through this.*

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**LINDA F** - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Gene and Melanie Slusser - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *We the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.*

Paitzel Funeral Home Oct - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Lori & family, Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Rod - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Tia, although I had only known you in person for one week, I knew you for much longer through social media, via my great-nephew Austin. The day you got into my car at the train station in Philadelphia, it was like we had been friends for years, I liked you immediately. I am so saddened at your passing. My heart aches for your mother and father and the great list of relatives and friends. I pray when I get to Heaven we will know each other, you were that special in such a short amount of time. Until we meet again, Aunt Linda*

Linda White - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Lori and Family:*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. If there is anything I can do just say the word. God Bless you all.*

*Sincerely,*

*Cheryl Anderson  
Carilion Co-Worker*

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**Cheryl Anderson** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Prayers!!!*

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**Sam and Donna Old** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *Lori I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.*

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**Lori Davis Oct** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Lori ~ Hold tight to memories of Tia for comfort, lean on your friends for strength and always remember how much you are loved.*

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**Sharoni Davis** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Troy, Lori, and Gwen, I was so very sorry to hear about Tia's passing. She was a beautiful young lady. I can't imagine what anyone of you are going through during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Lisa Minnix** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Lori, I am so sorry to hear of your lost, you an your family are in my thoughts. It is my hope that your faith can maintain you and your family through this tragedy. My heart is heavy with sorry for you all.

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**Dwayne Evans** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I used to work with Lori and I just wanted to extend my condolences to Tia's family. Please know that our family is so very sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you and praying for your family during this difficult time.

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**Meg Wilhelm** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Lori and Troy - my heart is aching for you for the loss of your precious child. I have no words to ease your pain, but will continue to pray that the Lord will hold you in His arms and carry you through this most difficult time. Love you!

*Carol Sue*

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**Carol Sue Slusser** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Lori, Troy & Gwen: There are no words to express the pain and hurt in all of our hearts for you during this time. Tia was such a sweet, pretty young lady and her big smile and beautiful curls will be greatly missed. You know how I loved her pretty curls!!! Just know that just take it one day at a time, one foot in front of the other- that's all you can do. I KNOW you have the faith and God will get you through and he's right there every step you take. Remember, you have a sweet sweet angel watching over you now:)

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**Karen Wiseman** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all! My heart breaks for what you! I will continue to pray for you and your family! She was such a sweet girl!

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**Robin Morris Sampson** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Especially now, may peace and love surround you.

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**Rose Kostak** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Lori,

*I am so sorry. My heart and thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Please know I am thinking of you.*

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**Alesa Fowlkes** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My condolences to Gwen and her family on the loss of Tia.

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**Brian D** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Robin Bushnell Oct - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Troy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pattie Scott - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Lori: I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken for you and your family. There are no words that will ease the pain. I pray that you can remain steadfast in your faith and over time, grow to be at peace with this tragedy.

*Sending you love, strength and comfort,  
Chris, Tammy, Carson & Haley Brown*

Chris S - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ am sorry for your lose

robert fisher - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Tia was a spectacular person! Prayers going out for your family.

Angie Horn Radford - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Troy and Lori Our condolence,s to you and your family. Tia was a very lovely girl who will be truly missed by many I had the pleasure of meeting Tia when she came to my home with my grandson Austin, God has a special Angel who will watch over you forever

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**Mr and Mrs Robert Morales** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Lori. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Heather Price** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I remember Tia dating my Nephew Austin. Coming to New Jersey to visit his Dad in the hospital. She fit in just like she was family. Such a loss! RIP Tia you will be missed.

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**Carol Wainwright** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My heart is heavy for Tia's family. I met Tia through my son and had a special bond with her. She was the little girl I never had. Her big bright smile lit up my some of my darkest and her love was was over flowing. Tia came to visit me in New Jersey and met Austin's father and was as sweet and caring as if she had known him forever. I will never forget that. I will cherish every little chat whether in person or by text and will hold dear the this wonderful young lady forever. I love you Tia baby. Forever and Always.  
Shawna

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**Shawn Johnson** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Lori, Troy, Gwen and family,  
We know your hearts are broken and there is no way to ease your pain, but please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May each day be eased by the touch of Gods' hand.

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**Ralph** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Our sweet sweet Tia.....Forever you will be loved: Forever you will be missed.

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**The Ouellettes Oct** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Troy and Lori, We are so sorry for your loss. I remember Tia with her curly hair and always had a smile on her face. Heaven has gained a very beautiful angel. Keeping the family in our prayers.

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**Bo and Patricia Duncan Oct** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ We are greatly saddened to hear of Tia's death. A beautiful young lady with unusually beautiful eyes. Although such a short life on earth, you all have still been blessed.

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**Thomas** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Lori, I am so sorry to hear about your daughter Tia and the other young ladies. I remember the support you gave me when I lost my sister and I want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May God keep you in his loving care until one day when you will be reunited with your beautiful daughter.

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**Vicki Palmer** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the Family of Tia Garder; Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you. How lucky we were to know Tia and what a joy she was with her beautiful smile and bubbly personality. May God comfort you during this time.

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**Diana Bayne** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Troy & Lori So sorry to hear about your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Gary Jones** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ sorry about you lose

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**robert fisher** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Lori, I'm heartbroken to hear about sweet Tia. You are dealing with a loss that no parent should ever have to experience, and I pray that you will find peace in the Lord to help pull you through this difficult time. I hope all the wonderful memories you have with her will bring you and your family comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tara Mowles** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Lori and Family,*

*Our heart goes out to you in your time of sadness. Know that there are lots of people praying for your strength thru this terrible loss.*

*Kathy and Tim Burroughs  
New Castle, VA*

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**Kathy Burroughs** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We am praying for you and your family.*

*Love,  
Tom, Lisa, Lori & Anthony Crotts*

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**Lisa Crotts** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Lori, Troy & Gwen,

*We are heart broken over the loss of Tia. Everytime we seen Tia she would light up the room with her smile. She was always very sincere, humorous and full of life. Tia was beautiful on the inside and the outside. She had an amazing personality and was gifted in leaving an impression on everyone she knew. Tia always spoke to you, she never knew a stranger.*

*When our two younger children were small, Tia always had something to say to them. She really had a way with young children. Tia will be deeply missed by everyone. I remember her quote in the 2012 Craig County yearbook.*

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."  
Maya Angelou*

*This fit Tia perfectly. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that you will find comfort knowing that Tia is in God's loving arms and peace in all the wonderful memories.*

*Mike, Angie, Emily, Sarah & Joshua Allen  
Class of 1986, Class of 2014, Friends*

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**Angela Frango Allen** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Lori,

*I can not even begin to imagine the pain you are feeling at this time, my familys thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Lori Cronise** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dearest Lori, Troy & Gwen  
Words cannot express the sorrow and pain we feel for the loss of our Tia.  
She was an inspiration to everyone around her. We were so blessed and lucky to have known her beauty inside & out, and we will keep her spirit alive with the many sacred memories we hold close to our hearts. May God give you the strength to get through this even at your lowest moments, with our deepest sympathy and love always,  
Gena, Rhonda & girls.

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**Gena Hoke** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Troy & Lori~We are so sorry. If there is anything you need, please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and we'll see you soon.

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**Deven** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ We remember Tia as a curly haired beautiful little girl that was loved so much by her Maw Maw Dottie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Gordon and Donna Jones** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Troy and Lori,I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious child Tia. I was heartbroken to hear the news. No parent should have to suffer the loss of a child. The right words can be so hard to find. Simply know that I'm thinking of you every moment. I wish there was something more I could say or do to take away your suffering, but instead please know that I care for you and I'm here for you. Please let me know what I can do to help.

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**Anita Davis** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *It was my privilege to serve as Tia's pastor for five years. What a precious young lady she was, with a glowing smile and a caring spirit. She leaves behind a legacy in the hearts of many across New Castle, Craig County, and beyond. She will be fondly remembered for years to come. Heaven has become sweeter and I look forward to seeing her bright smile there.*  
*My prayers continue for her family who deal with a depth of loss few of us can possibly grasp.*

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**PENNY WILSON** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Lori, Troy & Gwen,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and going forward. I love you all like family and I am so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful girl and had a wonderful heart!!! May God surround you with HIS loving comfort now and in the months ahead. Sending much love.*

*' A special Smile, a special Face, In our Hearts, a special Place,  
Memories are a gift to Treasure, Ours of you, will last Forever'*

*Rob*

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**Robin** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, I know there are no words that express what you are going thru, but with gods help and your wonderful memories, and with time you may heal from this pain.*

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**Toni and Sammy Abbott** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Lori, I am so sorry to hear about Tia. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

**Betty Bonds** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Lori, please know that you and all your family are in my thoughts today and in the days to come. I hope you will find some comfort in your memories of the little time you had with Tia. God Bless you all.

**Robyn Wright** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Lori, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time in your lives. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. Let God provide you the strength and courage to handle your difficult moments. We meet but briefly in life, if we touch each other with stardust that is everything. Unknown

**Angie Claytor** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Troy and Lori,  
I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. Know that thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I know that words don't take that the pain away but know that you have family and friends to lean on if you need them.

**Judy Davis Doughty** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Tia will be missed by many, including all of us who knew her from the Sinking Creek area.*

*We will be praying for all of her family.*

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**Dennis** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *A peice Of my heart is gone.*

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**Douglas Bostic** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Lori and Family, You all are in our prayers today as well as the days to come. Everyone is right when they said heaven just received another angel because Tia is an angel.*

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**Robbie** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Lori and Troy - we are heartbroken with you in the loss of Tia - I can remember that bouncy little girl and she was precious - we are praying for you all and if we can do anything at all - please let us know - luv you both!!Cindy and Troy*

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**Cindy Craft and Troy Hazelwood** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ *Tia was one of the sweetest girls we knew. She had a smile and hug for everyone, even little children like our own. She will be sadly missed by so many. Just know that our thoughts and prayers go to all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Wesley** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My dearest "T", you will be very missed. I loved our little inside jokes and will never forget our first concert together, Keith Urban baby!!! Also, who could forget our trip to Myrtle Beach...haha! Pooring down rain and mama leaving us behind running to the car so she wouldn't get wet, LOL!! You were such a joy to be around and could light up the room with your beautiful smile and presence. You were such a loving person and had such a kind heart, "Mom" raised you well. I enjoyed being the one to do your make-up for homecomings and proms, felt so honored to be the one to ask to do it. I will never forget our talks together and laughing about "Mom" with all of her OCD habits! We had a lot of good times together that will never be forgotten. It is so hard to believe you are gone but Heaven gained another angel and I know your papa was welcoming you with open arms along with Grandma Teence. You will be dearly missed and I will NEVER forget you my sweet girl, you were very special to me. I will take care of "Mom" and "Grandma". I love you so much and will see you on the other side one day. Rest In Peace "T"  
Love, Rob

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**Robin** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I only knew Tia a little while. But my sister knew her a lifetime. Claudia was always telling me things about Teapot that she said or done while she was with her grand mother Dottie RIP sweetheart

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**Linda Ponton Franklin** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Lori and family, my heart is breaking for you all. Tia was such a sweet and beautiful girl. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel and you have the honor of calling her your guardian angel. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all in the days ahead.

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**Kim Wolfe** - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM