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Tia: An Angel for Us All

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What can I say about Tia? If you never knew Tia here is your chance. Tia is the kind of person who made you want to laugh. With Tia, there was never a dull moment. No matter what was going on in her life, at the same time she always found a way to put a smile on your face. She may have looked mean at some points, but Tia was the nicest person. Yes she did have her bad points, but who doesn't? Tia had to make her presence known. She could stand in a room and have the room totally silent and be the only one to break the silence with a crazy animal call. That was Tia.

Tia and I went through a lot together. I always had a shoulder to cry on and advice to listen to because Tia was always the first one I would run to with my problems. She and I experienced

plans for her life were to go to college and get a good job and then start a family. She always pushed her friends to be, as the army says, "All that you can be." She was the one that pushed me to do great things.

She never judged me. Rather than get mad because I failed a test, she would show me the right way. It may sound like she was my sister and that's because she was. Tia taught me to believe in myself, she taught me that I can become anything I want to be. Our favorite thing to do was stay up all night and watch the sun rise. So we would stay up and just before the sun rose, she would go in the kitchen and get a whole bunch of food, open the trunk of her dad's van, and we would sit there for hours just watching the sun rise and eating pickles. Tia was loved by so many people and she loved everyone right back. There is a lot more I could say about Tia but there isn't