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THE NEW YORK TIMES **OBITUARIES** THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1992

**JOHNSON**—Marsha P. (aka Malcolm Michaels Jr.). We deeply mourn the loss of our beloved and respected member, a survivor of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion. As organizers of annual Lesbian/Gay-Pride events, Marsha was an inspiration for all of us. Marsha was an internationally acclaimed entertainer with Hot Peaches Review, Andy Warhol model, Anvil icon, and a legendary lady of the evening on Christopher Street and the West Side Highway. The lesbian and gay community, habitués of the Village, and nightclub aficionados will all miss her dazzling smile and unflagging good cheer. Memorial service Sunday, July 26, 3pm, Metropolitan Duane Church, 13th Street and 7th Avenue.

Heritage of Pride, Inc.

Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths
<p>Adrea, Robert Cabeil, Richard Carr, Catherine Easfeln, Murray Franklin, Henry Gluck, Barry Goldberg, Henrietta Goodman, Milton Henn, Cynthia Hoffman, Richard Holden, Audrey</p>	<p>Hollander, Isabel Horan, Brian Johnson, Marsha Kass, Mitchell</p>	<p>Richling, Lillian Sakas, James Schneider, Mortimer Schwartz, Herman</p>	<p>HORAN—Brian J. The Officers, Directors and Staff of the USO of Metropolitan New York note with sorrow the passing on June 28th of Brian Horan, a valued member of our Board since 1989. Our deepest sympathy to his family.</p>
<p>APREA—Robert. It is with sadness that we announce sudden passing of Robert on Sunday, July 12. Bob was President of the Board of Directors and contributed hours and effort to help Southgate a great place. We know that all those who him will miss him greatly as the co-op has lost a valuable member. We extend our condolences family. The funeral will be Thursday, July 16 in Kingsford Southgate Owners.</p>	<p><b>JOHNSON—Marsha P. (aka Malcolm Michaels Jr.).</b> We deeply mourn the loss of our beloved and respected member, a survivor of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion. As organizers of annual Lesbian/Gay Pride events, Marsha was an inspiration for all of us. Marsha was an internationally acclaimed entertainer with Hot Peaches Review, Andy Warhol model, Anvil icon, and a legendary lady of the evening on Christopher Street and the West Side Highway. The lesbian and gay community, habitues of the Village, and nightclub aficionados will all miss her dazzling smile and unflagging good cheer. Memorial service Sunday, July 26, 3pm, Metropolitan Duane Church, 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Heritage of Pride, Inc.</p>	<p>MILBERG—Irene S. Beloved wife of Lester H. Milberg. Devoted father of Barbara and Joseph. Devoted daughter of Rose and Samuel Soffin. Beloved grandmother of Stephen and David. Died Wednesday July 8th.</p>	<p>SCHNEIDER—14, 1992. Beloved father of Schneider on grandfather and Yael. Set PM, at "Riv Chapeis", 55 Great Neck.</p>
<p>CABELL—Richard A., 79, of Harbor, NH, died July 11. Born in Big Stone Gap, VA. He was a graduate of University of Virginia and University of Virginia School. He was a retired executive of International Nickel Co., former director of US Chamber of Commerce, Board Chairman of Blue Cross. He is survived by wife, Cyane (Mason) Cabell, children, nine grandchildren, and brother William Cabell.</p>			<p>SCHWARTZ—13, 1992. of P Rochester, NY his wife, Schwartz; nieces Elinor Albern Ann Kass of Iliam Albern c Barbara Fein CT; Sanford Rochester, Schwartz of Joseph Klein Shermora Julia FL Tr.</p>
<p>CARR—Catherine Z. On July 1992. Survived by her Frederick H. Zensen Frederick Zensen, Frank E. Cannon, Ave. at 81 St. day, 9:30A. Welsh H.</p>			<p>WILSON—J. Allen, on July 14, beloved brother of Patricia Ingartner. Friends may call E. Campbell, 1076 Madison of 81 St, on Wednesday, 9:30am and 7:30pm. Funeral at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, and Lexington Ave, on July, 10AM. Interment St. de Cemetery, Colonia, N.J.</p>
<p>EPSTEIN—Ad</p>			<p>WILSON—Harold Rutledge of 3 Rocky Hill Over rd, NC, died Tuesday. He was a hyn, NY, and was on Hudson o Bervard s graduate nic Instit received writing ne / 55</p>

7/16/92 Commentary: As I read the NYT a few thoughts crossed my mind....

Times are a changin'--even at The New York Times!! When Heritage Of Pride (HOP) submitted the above \$400 obituary to the NYT obit editors with the word "prostitute" in it, it just all seemed so seamy, in such bad taste, they did everything they could to follow Nancy Reagan's example and "JUST SAY NO!"

But an extraordinary personality like Marsha P. Johnson didn't just happen. She was part of a wonderful, warm, loving & supportative family. When the NYT called asking them to object, they just laughed & told them "it was the truth and, of course, you can print it."

Back & forth it went from there. And finally, the gay group got their ad accepted--using "Marsha P. Johnson" (the name everyone knew her by) and the pronoun "she" (which is what Marsha truly was in personality & spirit) and to seal the deal & not offend the others eulogized in the same columns, the coarse & unpleasant word "prostitute" was glamorously replaced by "legendary lady of the evening."

Randy Wicker