

ATTENTION: JAN CARL PARK

7/22/92

Honorable David Dinkins
Mayor's Office
NYC, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Dinkins:

I would like to invite you to come & speak at the Memorial Service for Marsha P. Johnson, a survivor of the Stonewall Rebellion & a much beloved member of the gay community, on Sunday July 26th, between the hours of 3:30 & 5:00 p.m., at Duane Methodist Church at 13th Street & 7th Ave in Manhattan.

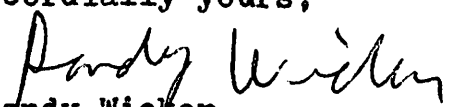
The service itself begins at 3:00 p.m. but the "remembrance celebration" part of the service -during which a series of friends will share their memories of Marsha over the chronological order of her life- will start around 3:30 and end between 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

If you could drop by for even a few minutes, we would interrupt the sequence of speakers so you could briefly say a few words and continue on your busy schedule in short order.

Marsha P. Johnson really symbolized the best aspects of NYC's gay community's mosaic. Although black, she was idolized & loved by even the white bigots in the gay community. She rose above racial classification. Although male, she was always ~~always~~ thought of as a feminine persona & everyone called her "Marsha" & knew her as "Marsha" even most of the time when she appeared in male attire. She rose above the classification of male and/or female. And, despite everything else, she was as accepted & loved by ordinary heterosexual people as she was by those in her own gay community. She rose above being gay or straight. Simply put, if we had more people like Marsha P. Johnson in NYC, we'd have more communication, understanding and cooperation between all the different groups comprising this great City.

Mr. Mayor, I have been a supporter & admirer of yours even since you marched with us gay Irish up 5th Ave St. Patrick's Day before last. Your picture & the N.Y. Times story of that even have been in my shop window at 506 Hudson St. (Uplift Lighting) for the last year and a half. I hope you will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to communicate to the gay community-most of whom do support you still- that you are aware of their trials & tribulations & identify with their pain.

Cordially yours,


Randy Wicker
co-ordinator