

FRANK A. (BIKO) JOHNSON

Frank A. Johnson, formerly known as Pink and currently known as Biko the artist passed away peacefully August 16, 2024. Born February 28, 1957 (67).

Biko had many passions that he pursued throughout his lifetime which encompassed a wide range of multiple talents of being an athlete, an artist, a mechanic, an advocate, an educator, a curator, a designer, a historian, a collector, a caregiver and a community icon.

He graduated from Schenley High School in 1975 where he excelled in football, cross country and swimming. He held the longest record for the most sit ups and chin ups. After graduation he proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps and enjoyed the opportunity to be able to tour the world while protecting his county.

Biko always had a love for cars. He was a self-taught auto body mechanic. The first car that he restored was a Camero where he painted his signature vibrant flames on the entire hood of the car. He owned a thriving antique car restoration shop in Houston, TX called, Frank's Oldies but Goodies.

His love and passion for art started as a young child and was incorporated in everything that he did. In high school he submitted some of his artwork in the Pittsburgh Arts Festival. He was a multifaceted artist and became a nationally recognized artist. He was a curator at the Black Rainbow Gallery in Omaha, NE. He received numerous acknowledgements and awards throughout Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas. He had the pleasure of exhibiting his artwork at the Andy Warholl museum, Mattress Factory, Penn State and various galleries in the tri-state area. He was the founder and president of The Museum of the African's Experience in America. His highest honor was his exhibition of The Museum of the African's Experience at 601Artspace gallery in New York City.

Biko will continue to make art in the heavens with the many artists that preceded his death. Biko left this earth and joined a joyous, glorious and welcoming family reunion with his parents, his sister, multiple aunts and uncles, numerous cousins and friends.

Biko is survived by his nephew, Kirk Mithchell; niece, Lisa Picken-Robinson; and many nephews, nieces, tons of cousins and a huge group of friends.

Viewing will be held at **SPRIGGS & WATSON** on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 2 to 6 p.m. and the funeral will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church.

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