MARSHA "PAY IT NO MIND" JOHNSON was born on Aug. 24, 1945, in Elizabeth, N.J. She graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1963 and quickly moved to NYC, where she lived most of her life as:

⭐ A Black, Queer, Gender Non-Conforming Figure of Light in NYC's Night Life
⭐ A Drag Performer in a Group Called "Hot Peaches"
⭐ A Model for Andy Warhol
⭐ A Saint, Some Have Said

With her close friend, fellow transgender drag star Sylvia Rivera, Marsha founded S.T.A.R. (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries) in 1970, an advocacy group for young transgender people.

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