

YFM producer Lumko Johnson has died

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South African media personality and former YoTV presenter Lumko "Johnson" Leqela has died.



Source: Instagram

The announcement of their (Leqela used they/them pronouns) death was made by *YFM* on Wednesday night.

Leqela's cause of death is yet to be confirmed.

"It is with great sadness that we share the news of the untimely passing of our beloved Lumko "Johnson" Leqela. They departed on 14 September 2022," *YFM* said in a statement.

"Lumko first entered the public realm as a young teenager on the popular *SABC 1 YoTV* platform. They went on to nurture a career in television broadcast, radio production, and media at large," the statement continued.

In their own words, Lumko was an "accomplished TV and radio super producer, actor, writer and big deal in most spaces".

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YFM said this is a loss to the LGBTQIA+ community, Legela's family and the broadcast and television community.



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"Lumko lived a life filled with purpose and authenticity. As we process this shock as a community, let us remember their light in this world. Details on memorial and funeral arrangements will be shared by the family in due course. The family asks that the public and media respect their privacy as they deal with this difficult loss," said *YFM*.

Earlier this year *YFM* announced the launch of *Tequila AF* a show written and produced by Legela.

"My late great-grandmother introduced me to radio through radio dramas she loved and followed. We didn't have a TV at the time, I must've been four or five and we would gather and listen to the Xhosa stories every night before bed. I trust and believe in this story and commend Y for introducing something so cool to its audience," Legela said.

Tributes

Tributes to Legela have poured in on social media.

“ You played a huge role in my career as a growing artist. You gave me chance, believed in me and my talent. I'll work hard to make you proud. Rest Well Lumko Johnson ❤️👍 [#RIPLumkoJohnson pic.twitter.com/NXafQLW4F](#)
— Tiisetso Masike (@tiisetso_real) [September 14, 2022](#) ”

“ RIP: Lumko Johnson Radio & TV producer Lumko Johnson has passed. Lumko is best known as YoTV presenter, YFM radio producer and an actor. Goodbye friend. ❤️👍 [#RIPLumkoJohnson pic.twitter.com/HtabQ5AR43](#)
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