



Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.

August 31, 1936 - March 22, 2024

SYKES, Mr. Benjamin Sr. - Age 87, passed away Friday, March 22, 2024 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, April 4, 2024 at First Trinity Baptist Church 1226 Beach St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor James C. Fair, officiating. Interment Great Lakes Nathion Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Thursday, April 4, 2024. Mr. Sykes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Benjamin Sykes Sr. was born August 31, 1936, in Oneida, Arkansas to Easter (Sykes) Waterford and Reverend James Sykes. Benjamin Sr. attended school in Lakeview, AR, and later relocated to Flint, MI.

On December 24, 1958, Benjamin Sr. married the late Hazel Marie Sykes, and to this union, three wonderful children were born, Trina, Tonya, and Ben Jr. Their bond was one of enduring love, a testament to the joy of companionship that lasted a remarkable 64 years until Hazel's passing in 2023.

Benjamin Sr. proudly served in the United States Army, receiving an Honorable Discharge on May 5, 1961, along with the esteemed Good Conduct Medal in recognition of his service. Following his military tenure, he dedicated himself to a career at General Motors, where he remained until his retirement in 1984.

Known affectionately as "Mr. Ben," he was deeply committed to his faith and

could often be found head down in his Bible. For over four decades, he was an active member of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, where he also served as a senior usher, greeting everyone with a warm smile and open arms.

Mr. Ben was dedicated to staying active despite his health issues, he was an active member in bowling leagues, enjoyed playing softball, and often spent his time at Hasselbring Senior Center, doing anything from playing pool to playing cards or eating his favorite snacks. As a walker, many people have attested to seeing him out walking miles from his home but never taking a ride back.

Mr. Ben transitioned to his eternal home at his residence surrounded by the love of his daughter Trina and long-time neighbor Cellie Harris.

Benjamin Sykes, Sr. leaves to cherish his legacy: 3 daughters, Eva Jean Thompson of Tampa, FL, Trina Sykes of Flint, MI and Tonya Sykes-Boyd of Austin, TX; 2 sons, Anthony (Angela) Sykes of Florence, TX, and Benjamin Sykes Jr. of Flint, MI; 3 grandchildren, Demarius Lane, Deirdras Jones of Austin, TX and Divania Sykes of Houston, TX; 2 sisters, Mary Taylor McGhee of Flint, MI, and Sakinah Diaab of Detroit, MI; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Benjamin Sr. was preceded in death by his wife Hazel Marie Sykes, mother Easter (Sykes) Waterford, father Reverend James Sykes, brothers, James Sykes Jr., Charles Sykes, and Scipio Jones Sr., sisters Annie Ruth Sykes, and Catherine (Sykes) Jones.

As we bid farewell to Benjamin Sykes Sr., let us remember him not with tears but with laughter, for his was a life well-lived, a legacy of love and light that will forever illuminate our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

APR 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
1226 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

Funeral Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
1226 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

Tribute Wall

LO

“ I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN POPA...

LATAVIA..(TABY) ODOM - April 05, 2024 at 12:13 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Sykes



Jeanette Grady - April 04, 2024 at 11:52 PM

HI

“ Helen Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Helen Ivory - April 04, 2024 at 01:41 PM

PF

“ Pastor James Fair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Pastor James Fair - April 04, 2024 at 08:36 AM

RT

“ *Ralph & Leontine Thompson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr..*



Ralph & Leontine Thompson - April 02, 2024 at 10:27 PM

DM

“ *Trina, you have our prayers and condolences in the loss of your Dad, your Classmates of Flint Northern High School, C/O 1980!*



Deb Milling - April 02, 2024 at 12:10 PM

MA

“ *Malirria lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Sykes*



Malirria - March 29, 2024 at 11:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr..*



March 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Jeanette Grady - March 29, 2024 at 01:15 AM

NJ

“ Norphlet Reeves Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Norphlet Reeves jr - March 28, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr..



March 28, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MM

“ Margo McQuiddy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Margo McQuiddy - March 27, 2024 at 10:33 PM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - March 27, 2024 at 10:21 PM

ET

“ *Ernestine Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.*



Ernestine Taylor - March 26, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DQ

“ *Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.*



Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles - March 26, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AS

“ *Deepest condolences to family..Love you guys*
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Alesia Summers-Peaks - March 26, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TS

“ Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Trina Renee Stewart - March 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SS

“ Shawn Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Shawn Smith - March 25, 2024 at 07:54 PM

KS

“ Katie Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Katie Stewart - March 25, 2024 at 04:32 PM

KS

“ Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.



Katie Stewart - March 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ *Rest in Heaven Bro. Sykes. My condolences to the entire Sykes family.*

Sharon Mixon - March 25, 2024 at 06:44 AM

MB

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to the Sykes family during this difficult time, knowing that God will give you peace beyond all understanding!*

Monica Taylor Brand - March 24, 2024 at 10:07 PM

PM

“ *Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Sykes Sr.*



Pat Moore - March 24, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JJ

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.*



Jovita Johnson - March 24, 2024 at 08:02 AM

DB

“ *David Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Sykes, Sr.*



David & Dana Bush - March 23, 2024 at 06:08 PM