



Earnest Sykes,

December 25, 1934 - April 24, 2010

SYKES, Mr. Earnest Lee "Sonny", Sr. - Age 75, departed from this life, Saturday, April 24, 2010 at his residence. Family hour 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Ebenezer Ministries, 2130 S. Center Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon, Rev. Harry Prince officiating, Senior Pastor Urundi Knox, Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Sykes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1-8 p.m. Friday. Mr. Earnest Lee "Sonny" Sykes, Sr. was born December 31, 1934 in Brookville, Mississippi, the son of Robert Lee Sykes, Sr. and Lula Mae Murdock. Earnest was affectionately known as "Sonny" by his family and friends. Mr. Sykes relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1958 with his first wife, Annie Laura (Taylor) Sykes and began working for General Motors at Buick City, retiring in 1978. He enjoyed traveling, socializing with his friends, working on his house, playing with his grandchildren and talking on his CB radio. Mr. Earnest Lee "Sonny" Sykes, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: stepmother, Maylena Sykes; 3 sons, Dennis, Terrell and Huey Sykes; 6 daughters, Dorothy, Annetta, Tracy Sykes, Alma (Joseph) Edwards, Tequila Walker, Julia (Derrick) Backstrom, all of Flint; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 7 sisters, Sadie Patterson of Macon, MS, Katherine, Rosie, Bettye and Geraldine Sykes, all of Chicago, IL, Mary Louise Sykes of Indianapolis, IN, Annie Ruth Sykes of Columbus, MS; 7 brothers, Robert Jr., Timmy, Johnny

and Charles Sykes, all of Indianapolis, IN, Ned and O.J. Sykes of Gary, IN, Leo Mosley of Vera Beach, FL; favorite uncle and aunt, George (Martha) Sykes; cousin, Castella Jones; 2nd wife, Fannie Sykes; special friend, Catherine Roberts, all of Flint; 2 honorary daughters, Cheketa and Ebony. Mr. Sykes was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Annie Laura Sykes; son, Earnest Lee Sykes, Jr.; father, Robert Lee Sykes, Sr.; mother, Lula Mae Murdock; nephew, Barry Patterson; and cousins, Mack Quentin Sykes and L.C. Griffin.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earnest Sykes,*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dennis, Dorothy and to the family of Mr. Earnest Sykes. You all have my deepest sympathy. It is always sad when we lose someone we love. But do take comfort in knowing that your father has gone to a better place. May God bless you all.*

Sandra Brown Copeland - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *People might say we will always die but there is an encouraging thought found at Revelations 21:3,4. I hope you find this to be encouraging. I found it to be encouraging also.*

Rodney Clausell - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are all in our prayers. May GOD bless and keep you all.*

April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Anetta Sykes , and the entire Sykes family ,I would like to dive my condolences , and I will be holding you , and your family up in Prayer.*

Bakea Hagler - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM