



Mr. George Sykes Sr.

October 6, 1923 - April 7, 2015

SYKES SR., Mr. George - Age 91, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Willowbrook Manor. Family hour 12 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 1 p.m. Bishop Neal Roberson officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12 p.m. Tuesday. Mr. Sykes Sr. will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with family present from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday.

Mr. George Sykes was born October 6, 1923 in Brooksville, Mississippi the son of William Sykes Sr. and Mary Lou Washington-Sykes. He was the sixth of seven children, five boys and two girls.

George professed Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at Harrison Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Brooksville, Mississippi. He united with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1957 to continue his Christian walk.

On December 20, 1947, George married his lifetime companion, Martha Hairston. George and Martha moved from Mississippi to Flint, Michigan in 1953. They arrived in Flint with three of their five sons (George, J.B. & Mack).

Two additional sons (Cliffton & Larry) were later born in Flint.

During the 1950s and 60s black Americans experienced severe discrimination and violence in the South, and George and Martha assisted those in their journey North, building a network of trusted family and friends in the process. With his leadership, they continued the time-honored, southern traditions they learned from their parents. The paths of countless Mississippians transited to the North through their home, and were treated as a part of the family until they found employment and made homes of their own. This legacy of brotherhood, family and community endures.

George, also known as “Red George,” by his Mississippi friends and family, and was a devoted family man. Although short in stature, his influence was towering; he raised his sons sternly, in a manner that left no doubt about who was in charge. As the rock of the family, George was driven to provide, and completed a 37-year career with Buick Motors, a division of General Motors, retiring in December 1989. A simple man, George prioritized his family above all, and loved and cherished his wife of 67 years.

Mr. George Sykes transitioned from this world at 3:00 a.m. on April 7, 2015 at the age of 91. George’s memory will be cherished by his wife, Martha; 4 sons, George Jr. (Rethon), J.B. (Sheri), Cliffton (Barbara), and Larry; 19 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; 30 great-great grandchildren; His youngest brother, James (Willie Bell) Sykes continues to reside in Mississippi; George’s extended family of 6 sister-in-laws, Mollie Hairston, Ella (Gilbert) Bransford, Hattie Hairston, Mary Hairston all of Flint, Mary L. Sykes and Allie B. Sykes of Indianapolis, IN; brother-in-law, Robert (Lois) Hairston; aunt-in-law, Lula (William) Monroe; a host of nieces and nephews; numerous cousins; Goddaughter, Debra Coleman; and many friends will also cherish their days spent with him.

Mr. George Sykes was preceded in death by: son, Mack; 3 great-grandsons; great granddaughter; parents; 2 sisters; 3 brothers; and 4 brothers-in-law.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 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 Present

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

APR 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
G-5443 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Service

APR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George Sykes Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tommie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



Tommie Johnson - April 16, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ *Tommie (Johnson) Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



Tommie (Johnson) Beverly - April 16, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



Diane Williams - April 14, 2015 at 06:19 PM

DS

“ *MaT as she is so affectionally called by our Family. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle George. Our sincerest condolences to the entire Sykes family. May GOD bless and keep you in this difficult hour. May the memories you hold dear be of some comfort to you in the days ahead. Love The Spight Graham abs Woodson Families*



Deidre Spight~Woodson - April 14, 2015 at 10:31 AM

MF

“ *Ms. Boyd & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



Ms. Boyd & Family - April 13, 2015 at 02:10 PM

DR

“ *Sorry for your of grandpa Skyes praying for the family love grandma skyes*



damita richard - April 13, 2015 at 09:13 AM

NJ

“ *To Myra, Tammy and the entire Richard family may God grant you comfort in your time of grieving there is no amount of words that I could say could ease the pain that you feel but know that I am praying for the family.*



Norma Jones - April 13, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ *Cliff and Larry I was saddened to hear about the demise of your loving Father.
May his soul rest in tranquil.
Janice Adams*

Janice Adams - April 13, 2015 at 05:43 AM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 12, 2015 at 08:24 AM

RA

“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



ReGina Adams - April 11, 2015 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ My prayer goes out to Mrs. Martha Sykes, Cliff, Big Man and Larry. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sykes, but I know he had to be a wonderful man. That is because he helped to raise some wonderful son's. Don't let death consume the life of your father, because as long as each one of you live, so shall he. In Prayer, Jackie, San Diego, CA



Jacqueline Brock-Jackson - April 10, 2015 at 11:23 PM



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



April 10, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ My prayer to Mrs. Martha Sykes, the son's, families and friends of Mr. Sykes. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sykes but I know he had to be a wonderful man, because he help raise some wonderful young men. Cliff, Big Man and Larry, my thoughts are with you all. Remember, don't let death consume the love and good memories you have of your father, because as each of you continue to live, he'll always live too. With Love and Prayer....Jackie - San Diego, CA



Jacqueline Brock-Jackson - April 09, 2015 at 07:50 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences Mrs. Martha Sykes, Cliff, and Larry my prayers are with you.
Ms. Lu Cretia Goodlow



Lu Cretia Goodlow - April 09, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ To Cliff ,Larry and the entire family ! Just lost my dad in February, so I truly understand! Trust me though "Weeping may endure for a night,but joy comes in the morning"! Stay strong ! Wanda (Stovall) Baker !

Wanda Baker - April 09, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.



Wanda Baker - April 09, 2015 at 10:27 AM

PG

“ To Larry Sykes and the entire Sykes famy you have my deepest sympathy Pamela Gibson!

pamela Gibson - April 08, 2015 at 10:15 PM

RH

Thank you from Larry-Renee and family

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 09, 2015 at 06:06 PM

RH

Larry , Renee and the family thank you.

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 09, 2015 at 06:31 PM

RH

Larry-Renee and the family appreciate your sympathy

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 10, 2015 at 08:41 AM

RH

thank you from Larry and Renee

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 11, 2015 at 07:37 PM

PL

“ *To a family that became a family.....In the loss of Mr. George Sykes . We send our sympathy and love to Mr.Martha Sykes and family...Mrs Sykes.showed remarkable strength and love.....Pat,Cathy and Larry Lockett*

Patricia Lockett - April 08, 2015 at 09:16 PM

PG

“ *Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



pamela Gibson - April 08, 2015 at 09:05 PM

RH

Larry and Renee thank you

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 10, 2015 at 08:41 PM

PL

“ Patricia Luckett lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.



Patricia Luckett - April 08, 2015 at 08:59 PM

GB

“ Share a memory of Mr. George Sykes or send condolences to the family. I

you are in my prayers daily from Gregory t Boggs

Gregory t Boggs - April 08, 2015 at 07:15 PM

GB

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Gregory t Boggs - April 08, 2015 at 06:55 PM

PL

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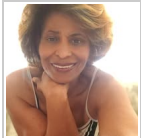


Patricia Luckett - April 08, 2015 at 05:47 PM

PL

“ To a family that became a family...A loss of him and wife of Mr.George Sykes we give or deepest sympathy and love to Mrs.Martha Sykes and family...Pat,Cathy and Larry Lockett.

Patricia Lockett - April 08, 2015 at 05:41 PM



“ Ruthi Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.



Ruthi Hill - April 08, 2015 at 03:43 PM

RH

Thank you from Larry and Renee

Renee Hill-Sykes - April 13, 2015 at 03:54 AM

RH

“ My Deepest Condolences and Prayers of Comfort and Strength to the Sykes Family



Ruthi Hill - April 08, 2015 at 03:42 PM

RH

“ The Hill Family



Renee Hill-Sykes - April 08, 2015 at 11:31 AM

RH

“ *Renee Hill-Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Sykes Sr.*



Renee Hill-Sykes - April 07, 2015 at 10:57 PM

RH

“ *Daddy I am truly going to miss you. God give Momma strength. You were an awesome one of a kind man... Your spiuled baby daughter in law. Family stay prayed up.. Love and more love..*



Renee Hill-Sykes - April 07, 2015 at 04:35 PM