



Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes

July 3, 1936 - July 8, 2023

SYKES, Mrs. Hazel Marie - Age 87, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2023 at Hurley Medical Center.

Family hour 10:30 AM Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church 1226 Beach St, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor James C. Fair, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Sykes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Tuesday.

July 3, 1936 was a joyous day in Rison, Arkansas. It was the day that Hazel Marie Benton was born, to the late Archie Benton and Clora Miller.

Hazel was a very inquisitive young lady, excelling in academics which lead to her graduating at the top of her class from Lanwood High School in Rison Arkansas. After graduation, Hazel relocated to Flint, MI where she resided with her Aunt Hazel and Uncle Johnnie Milner until she married.

Hazel married Benjamin Sykes on December 24, 1958, and to this union three wonderful children were born, Trina, Tonya and Ben Jr. This year they would have celebrated 65 years of blissful marriage.

Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes (affectionately known as Miss Hazel) accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized at an early age. She was a dedicated and active member of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church for more than 40 years, under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Ezra L. Tillman Jr. and the late Pastors Frank O. Hockenhull, Grady L. Bennett and Alfred F. Thomas. She was a faithful servant, having served on the Usher Board for many years.

Mrs. Hazel retired from Pro-Clean Dry Cleaners in 1997. She was a talented seamstress and loved quilting. She cherished moments spent with her loved ones, had a passion for gaming, enjoyed traveling and exploring new places. She was always on the move.

Mrs. Hazel was soft spoken but full of wisdom and love. She loved the Lord and His people. With her life, she taught those around her to love God and to always live life to the fullest. She was thoughtful and loved shopping, often purchasing gifts for her loved ones, a coat, a nice dress or suit, gloves, food, whatever she thought you may need.

She possessed a great deal of strength and resilience while battling chronic health complications. She persevered.

Mrs. Hazel made a peaceful transition to her eternal home surrounded by family and friends on July 8, 2023.

Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes leaves to cherish her legacy: husband, Benjamin Sykes, Sr.; children, Trina and Ben Jr. and Tonya Sykes-Boyd of Austin, Texas; 3 dear grandchildren, Demarius Lane and Deirdras Jones of Austin, Texas and Divania Sykes of Houston, Texas; 4 bonus grandchildren, Lamar Boyd Jr., Latisha Boyd of Tampa, FL, Damar (S. Nicole) Boyd of Grand Rapids, MI and Jalisa (Brandon) Bush of Birmingham, AL.; 10 bonus great-grandchildren, numerous nephews and nieces including dear niece, Gwen Henry, cousins, special friends, June Shaw, Reggie Smiley, Anthony Allen, the

men of Gamblers Inc. and her Adams Street family.

Mrs. Hazel has too many family and friends to write all their names, if by chance you don't see yours, be comforted in knowing your name is written in the book of Miss Hazel's heart.

MRs. Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, Archie Benton and Clora Miller; siblings, Jimmy and Alberta Barnett, Betty Bell and Ernest O'Neal; several aunts and uncles including dear aunts, Bertha Dunlap, Hazel Milner, Dora Barnett and Rosetta Wasp, and Uncle Oscar Barnett, Sr.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

JUL 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Trina I will be praying for you and your family. Keep God close and he will help you get through the rough times.*



Tangyla Woodson-Demby - July 22, 2023 at 02:46 AM



“ *Verna M Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Verna M Cobb - July 21, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Earlene lit a candle in memory of Hazel Sykes*



Earlene - July 20, 2023 at 12:53 AM

SS

“ Shawn Smith lit a candle in memory of Hazel Sykes



Shawn Smith - July 19, 2023 at 05:45 PM

TL

“ Tania Lawson-Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes



Tania Lawson-Henderson - July 19, 2023 at 08:59 AM

AL

“ Deepest condolences to The Skyes Family, thank you for sharing your loving mother with our family the Peaks, Summers and Harris family, she will be greatly missed 🥹



Alesia - July 19, 2023 at 06:48 AM

BT

“ Beverly Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes



Beverly Tucker - July 18, 2023 at 07:29 PM

CF

“ *Cathy Fletcher And Esha Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Cathy Fletcher and Esha Fletcher - July 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Sandra Epps - July 18, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Jimmye Maxwell - July 17, 2023 at 09:47 PM

JD

“ *Johnnie Dunn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*



Johnnie Dunn - July 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JD

“ *Johnnie Dunn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*

Johnnie Dunn - July 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM

PT

“ *PUCT Communications Team purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*



PUCT Communications Team - July 17, 2023 at 09:35 AM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Carolyn Lewis - July 16, 2023 at 07:52 PM

RB

“ *Cousin Hazel was special. She always treated me and my seven brothers and sisters like we were her siblings. She occupied a special place in the hearts of our parents. Rest in peace sister/cousin. Our love for you is everlasting.*

Ronald Barnett

Ronald Barnett - July 16, 2023 at 03:11 PM

BW

“ BRIDGETTE WATKINS lit a candle in memory of Hazel Sykes



BRIDGETTE WATKINS - July 15, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.



July 15, 2023 at 04:04 PM

HI

“ Helen Ivory lit a candle in memory of Hazel Sykes



Helen A Ivory - July 15, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.

July 14, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*



July 14, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Malirria Peters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Malirria Peters - July 14, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sue, Ann, Lance, Shay & Lace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*



Sue, Ann, Lance, Shay & Lace - July 14, 2023 at 11:35 AM



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



Flint Northern High School Vikings - July 13, 2023 at 04:51 PM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - July 12, 2023 at 04:21 PM

KS

“ *Kay Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Kay Stewart - July 12, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.*



July 12, 2023 at 12:10 PM

HC

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of my Aunt Hazel, praying for strength and comfort ❤️*



Hettie Collins - July 12, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes.



July 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Kulada Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes



Kulada Shannon - July 12, 2023 at 06:48 AM



“ Cousin Hazel's lovely smile and very warm welcomes will be deeply missed. Valerie Hillery & Family

Valerie Hillery - July 12, 2023 at 06:43 AM



“ Always a smile, such a nice person...loved going to casinos with her
Rip my friend

Charlie Goldsberry - July 11, 2023 at 10:12 PM

TS

“ *Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Trina Renee Stewart - July 11, 2023 at 10:05 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Sharon Mixon - July 11, 2023 at 10:45 AM

DO

“ *Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Deloris Odom - July 11, 2023 at 09:54 AM

HC

“ *My condolences to the family and friends
Praying that God will give you strength and
peace*



Hettie Collins - July 10, 2023 at 11:05 PM

KM

My prayers are with all the lost of such a great mother and grandmother is as value as the lost of a library.

Kathleen Marthrel-Jones - July 11, 2023 at 05:59 PM

ME

“ *Margo McQuiddy & Tashara Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Margo McQuiddy & Tashara Ewing - July 10, 2023 at 09:53 PM

RF

“ *R. Furlow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



R. Furlow - July 10, 2023 at 09:07 PM

MP

“ *Monique Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes*



Monique Pugh - July 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JJ

“ You all are in my prayers.



Jovita Johnson - July 10, 2023 at 05:49 PM

RJ

“ My condolences to the family I worked with her @ Pro Clean very sweet kind hearted person.



Rene A. Jones - July 10, 2023 at 03:34 PM

TB

“ Terry Boone-Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Sykes



Terry Boone-Love - July 10, 2023 at 12:27 PM