



## Mr. James Sykes, Jr.

October 11, 1929 - March 13, 2016

SYKES Mr. James Jr. - Age 86, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with a home going celebration commencing at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller, officiating. Family and friends will assemble in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home 10:00 a.m. Monday. Mr. Sykes will lie in state in the Chapel, and may be viewed from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

James Sykes, Jr. was born on October 11, 1929 in Wisner, Arkansas, the oldest of eight siblings born to James and Easter Sykes. He moved to Flint Michigan in 1953 and was employed at Chevrolet Metal Fabricating, a division of General Motors for over 39 years before retiring in 1990. James married his wife Nora Hoskins Sykes in 1956. James Sykes was well known for his community activism and always promoting the importance of creating a safe and attractive neighborhood. He began his community work in 1976 when he founded the Ninth Street Block Club and the Lapeer Street Neighborhood Association and served as President for many years. He was a member of the Neighborhood Redevelopment Project (GNRP) for over 10 years and during his tenure he was instrumental in securing funds for improving Woodlawn Park. He was also involved in numerous neighborhood improvement projects throughout the years. Even after his retirement, James continued his community involvement participating in various political campaigns. When he

wasn't involved in community work, he was a "hands on" landlord always making sure his rental properties were attractive, and he demanded that his tenants do the same. James also pursued his passion of planting flowers and was often seen planting flowers each year on Lapeer Road.

James Sykes leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 59 years, Nora Hoskins Sykes; 3

daughters, Gwen Sykes Austin, Phyllis Sykes, all of Flint and Cordia Sykes; son, James "Timmy" (Vicki) Sykes II, all of Bakersfield, CA; step-son, Lamont Hopkins of Flint; 4 grandchildren, Larnell Sykes of Las Vegas, NV, Anthony (Tony) Sykes of Thousand Oaks, CA, James "LJ" Sykes III of Bakersfield, CA and Jalen Sykes, Wichita, KS; 5 great-grandchildren, Sasha Briggs of Conway, AK, Jaron Sykes of Houston, TX, Jarell Sykes of Dimas, CA, Izayah Sykes of Las Vegas, NV and Julian Sykes of Bakersfield, CA; 2 great-great-grandchildren, Josiah Briggs Conway, AR and Jahce Sykes of Houston, TX; sisters, Mary Taylor McGhee of Grand Blanc, MI and Sakina Dekalb (Carlee) of Detroit, MI; 2 brothers, Benjamin Sykes (Hazel) and Scipio Jones, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Sykes was preceded in death by his son, Lee Kenall (Terry) Hopkins (Sykes); parents, James and Easter Sykes; sisters, Catherine Jones, Annie Ruth Sykes; and brother, Charles Sykes.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
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## Family hour

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Peggy J Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



**Peggy J Stribling** - March 22, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *Yvonne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



**Yvonne Williams** - March 21, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



**Lynn Barbee** - March 21, 2016 at 09:20 AM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**Althea Barbee** - March 21, 2016 at 08:05 AM

YF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of James Sykes, Jr. our beloved cousin. James was such a cool, classy and handsome guy. We truly enjoyed our moments with him at our Sykes-McCarter Reunions, and we'll never forget when he came all the way to California to join us for one of our annual social picnics. May God keep our family strong and faithful during our time of need. Always remember and never forget that your California Family is here for you if you need us. We love you.*

*Geneva Webster  
Henry Powell, Jr.  
Violet Powell  
Zuwena Lee  
Zakiya Lee*

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**Your California Family** - March 20, 2016 at 10:36 PM

JG

“ *Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**janice Green** - March 20, 2016 at 09:14 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**Betty Tipper** - March 20, 2016 at 04:36 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**Valerie Southall** - March 19, 2016 at 04:11 AM

BQ

“ *Bill & Ruthy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**Bill & Ruthy Quarles** - March 18, 2016 at 08:51 PM

EM

“ *Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



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**Eddie and Paulette McGhee** - March 18, 2016 at 04:46 PM

PK

“ *To the Sykes Family,*

*Our prayers are with you in sympathy and friendship. Trust in God one day at a time and he can and will see you through. Love and God Bless you, The Koutouzos Family*



**Pamela Koutouzos** - March 18, 2016 at 12:43 PM

AC

“ *All of your Families in California purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James Sykes, Jr..*



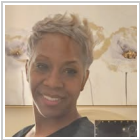
**All of your Families in California** - March 17, 2016 at 07:05 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



**wanda harrison** - March 16, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *Bridget Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.*



**Bridget Thomas** - March 16, 2016 at 09:10 AM

RH

“ Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.



Renee Hill - March 16, 2016 at 08:40 AM

IH

“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.



Iris Hare - March 15, 2016 at 10:46 PM

RD

“ Rev. Dr. Terry & Dr. Carolyn D. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.



Rev. Dr. Terry & Dr. Carolyn D. Davis - March 15, 2016 at 04:09 PM

RC

“ Robyn Cobbin-Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - March 15, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JB

“ Our sincere prayers and thoughts goes out to the Sykes Families, relatives and friends. We pray that God holds your families closer in his loving arms, in Jesus name we pray, Amen. In prayer, The Children of the late Jesse and Lois Brock



Jackie-Carolyn Brock - March 14, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ To Timmy And Family, It Truly Sadden My Heart, To Hear Of The Passing Of Your Beloved Father....May God Strengthen Your Heart And Mind! PRAYING.....



Doris Moore-White - March 14, 2016 at 04:54 PM

LM

“ Praying for you Aunt Phyllis. To the entire Sykes family you have my condolences. May you find strength and peace in the Lord. Be strong. Be encouraged. Be blessed.

Latecia Jones Matthews - March 14, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LM

“ Latecia Jones Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Sykes, Jr.



Latecia Jones Matthews - March 14, 2016 at 02:14 PM

LM

*Praying for you Aunt Phyllis! My prayers and thoughts are with you and the entire Sykes family. May God Bless you and keep you.*

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**Latecia Jones Matthews** - March 14, 2016 at 02:17 PM

GG

*With "Deepest Sympathy" to the Sykes Family in the loss of Mr. Sykes. May the Lord be with all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Greg Gibson** - March 17, 2016 at 09:11 AM