



Mrs. Nora Sykes

September 24, 1933 - November 28, 2025

Mrs. Nora Sykes - Age 92, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025, at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Naylo Hopkins, Officiating, Pastor Donald Coney, Eulogist. Interment Flint Memorial Cemetery, 9506 N Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church at 10:00 AM Tuesday. 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 Monday, with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Nora Hoskins Sykes was born on September 24, 1933, in Marvel, Arkansas. She was the eldest child to Frank and Dorothy Hoskins. Nora attended Lakeview High School, in Arkansas where she played on the basketball team and was active in many extracurricular activities. From the very beginning, she carried herself with the quiet strength, grace, and determination that would define her life. In 1956, Nora moved to Flint, Michigan, where she reunited with and married her high-school sweetheart, James Sykes. They were married for 60 years. Together, they built a loving home and welcomed three children—Phyllis, James Jr. (Timmy) and Cordia. Nora had earned her Bachelor of Science from Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College in Pine Bluff, and she put her education to work in the Flint Public Schools, teaching Physical Education until retirement.

Nora lived life with purpose. Her first church home in Flint was Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle where she sang in the choir, served as a musician, was a member of the usher board, taught Sunday school and was a member of the Dorcas Missionary Circle. She believed deeply in using her gifts to uplift others, and one of her greatest passions was music. Later she joined Bethel United Methodist Church where for 32 years, she served faithfully as the musician for the Male Chorus. More recently, she shared her musical gift at St. Peter CME Church and also blessed the residents at Willow Brook Nursing Home. She was also called upon to fill in at various churches when a pianist was needed.

Nora was an active member of the Great Lakes Missionary Baptist District Association Women's Auxiliary where she served as Chairperson of the Fine Arts committee and was a member of the music ministry. She also served as Secretary on the Business & Professional Women's committee. She was a member of the Wolverine State Baptist Missionary Convention Women's Auxiliary, serving as Treasurer of the Business & Professional Women's committee and was given an "Award of Appreciation" for her dedicated services. She was a faithful member of the Flint Church Women United and served several years as their Vice President as well as the CWU State musician, most recently in June 2025.

Nora loved to travel and was affectionately known as "the driver" happily volunteering to drive friends and family all over the country. Her creativity extended far beyond music—she was an exceptional seamstress, often called upon to make wedding party dresses, prom dresses, costumes for special occasions and outfits for her own children.

The role she cherished most was that of wife and mother. She instilled in them the importance of establishing a relationship with Jesus Christ and to have a

church home. This conviction was so strong she took not only her children to church, but others in the neighborhood who needed a ride or just wanted to go.

Nora loved to cook and bake with three of her specialties being fresh homemade bread, brownie bars and macaroni and cheese. Many neighborhood kids fondly remember walking past “the house on the corner,” hoping the smell of something sweet meant they could knock at the door for a warm treat straight out of the oven.

Nora shared a special bond with her son, “Timmy”, and grandson, “Tony” as they all were born on the same date. They had their own special way of celebrating the day and looked forward to talking with each other.

Nora Sykes leaves behind a family who adored her and many others whose lives she touched. She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Sykes of Flint, MI, and Cordia Sykes of Bakersfield, CA; her son, James (Timmy) (Vicki) Sykes II of Bakersfield, CA; and stepdaughter, Gwen Sykes Austin of Flint, MI. She is cherished by her four grandchildren—Larnell Sykes (Las Vegas, NV), Anthony “Tony” Sykes (Flint, MI), James “LJ” Sykes III, and Jalen Sykes (both of Bakersfield, CA)—and five great-grandchildren: Julian and Jonah Sykes (Bakersfield, CA), Jaron Sykes (Houston, TX), Jarell Sykes (Dimas, CA), and Izayah Sykes (Las Vegas, NV). Her memory is further treasured by nephew Tyson (Carolyn) Wilson, great-niece Saniyya Wilson of Richton, IL Sister-in-law Mary Taylor McGhee of Grand Blanc. As well as a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Nora is preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Sykes; her parents, Frank and Dorothy Hoskins; her sister, Sallie Wilson; brother-in-law, James Wilson; stepson Lee (Terry) Hopkins (Sykes); and great-granddaughter, Sasha Briggs.

Nora's life was a beautiful blend of service, creativity, and love—and her legacy will continue to echo in every life she touched.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 8. 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

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N Ballenger Hwy
Flint, MI 48501

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Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
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Flint, MI 48501

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Greg Tolbert Bey*

a Greg Tolbert Bey - December 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MV

“ *Marlene Veal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Marlene Veal - December 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ *June Smiley Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



June Smiley Perkins - December 11, 2025 at 10:04 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - December 09, 2025 at 09:02 PM

LW

“ *Dear Cousin, I Miss You & Love YouYour Little Professor, Louie*



Louis Wilson - December 09, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JG

“ *Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



janice green - December 09, 2025 at 05:07 PM

CB

“ *Cherry L, Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Cherry L, Brown - December 09, 2025 at 12:31 PM

TT

“ December 8, 2025

Acknowledgement

We, the members of True Vine Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and our Pastor, Donald Coney, Sr. would like to take this time to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sis. Nora Sykes, in the loss of your loved-one.

We cannot fully understand why or when God will call our family members home to be with Him, but we do know that God, in His infinite wisdom, does know what is best. He knew that your loved-one had been on the battlefield of life for a long time. But our God was ready for Sis. Nora to leave her earthly garden here and work in His heavenly garden. God knew she had been on this battlefield for a long time, and she was getting tired. He decided to take away from her earthly pains and suffering. So He gently rocked her to sleep in His loving arms, and He took her home to a peaceful rest. Your mother was loved and cherished by those who knew her. You and your family will always cherish the beautiful memories that she leaves behind. Just know that she loved you, and you loved her too. But God truly loved her best.

Our church family will continue to lift your family up in prayer. We will extend to you our outstretched arms of sympathy. God does heal and He does answer prayer. Weeping may come now, but joy will come in the morning.

May God forever bless and comfort you is our prayer.

Humbly submitted,

Sis. Veneda Jernigan, Church Secretary

Rev. Donald L. Coney, Sr., Pastor

True Vine Fellowship MBC, Columbia, TN - December 09, 2025 at 09:59 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen Marthrel Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Kathleen marthrel Jones - December 09, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DT

“ Phyllis I remember your Mom from being an usher at Metropolitan Baptist Church as a pre teen and teen when I visited with the Coney family ❤️🙏!!! in addition to being a beautiful woman she was kind and had a gentle spirit ❤️ Praying for you during this time of great loss 🙏 Debra Taylor



Debra Taylor - December 09, 2025 at 06:08 AM

AN

“ Adrienne & Mildred Niles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Adrienne & Mildred Niles - December 09, 2025 at 04:28 AM

CF

“ Catherine Fairley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Catherine Fairley - December 09, 2025 at 12:19 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family Rev Jerry and Stephanie Chaney*



Jerry Chaney - December 08, 2025 at 09:26 PM

SG

“ *May the Lord be a comfort to the family during your time of grief. And in loving memories of Nora, may God bless you all. Your cousin Shirley*



Shirley Gilbert - December 08, 2025 at 08:56 PM

SC

“ *Samuel Cousins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Samuel cousins - December 08, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CS

“ *Camilla Samuel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Camilla Samuel - December 08, 2025 at 07:18 PM

TP

“ *The Paulks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



The paulks - December 08, 2025 at 06:37 PM

RE

“ *Rhonda Etherly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Rhonda Etherly - December 08, 2025 at 06:26 PM

PF

“ *Always remember her as my Mom Bennie Hairston ride partner to church convention with all the hats in the back of the van*



Paula Fykes - December 08, 2025 at 05:47 PM

VC

“ *Condolences to the family. Your mother was a beautiful person. Lean on God in this difficult time. Vanessa Cobb*

Verna V Cobb - December 08, 2025 at 01:25 PM

CP

“ *Cerese Simpson Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Cerese Simpson Pennington - December 08, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DH

“ *Beautiful, kind & will be sadly missed*



Darick Hearn - December 08, 2025 at 09:02 AM

GJ

“ *Geraldine Junior lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Geraldine Junior - December 08, 2025 at 06:27 AM

RM

“ *RONNIE MARTIN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



RONNIE MARTIN - December 08, 2025 at 02:57 AM

CF

“ Shirley Fairley-Ervin



Catherine Fairley - December 07, 2025 at 10:04 PM

DL

“ Debra LaCour sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Debra LaCour - December 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

LR

“ Loudean Ricks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Loudean Ricks - December 07, 2025 at 07:39 PM

JB

“ Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Jeanette Brown - December 07, 2025 at 06:24 PM

CB

“ Sending condolences to Mrs Nora’s family. We can all celebrate her life as she lived it well.

Cheryl Bradshaw, Church Women United Jackson Unit

Cheryl Bradshaw - December 07, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JA

“ Jerome Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Jerome Adams - December 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM

TT

“ Traci Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Traci Threlkeld - December 07, 2025 at 01:52 AM

BF

“ Praying for The Sykes Family, our first neighbors, that God hold you'al closer is His loving arms...as only He can.
The Children of The Late Jesse & Lois Brock



Brock Family - December 07, 2025 at 01:19 AM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Ernelle Taylor - December 06, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nora Sykes.*



December 06, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ *Dennis and Rochelle Ware planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nora Sykes.*

Dennis and Rochelle Ware - December 06, 2025 at 10:55 AM

PA

“ *Pamela Altheimer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Pamela Altheimer - December 05, 2025 at 10:03 PM

KT

“ Keith And Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Keith and Pamela Tipper - December 05, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ Judy Manning sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Judy Manning - December 05, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CC

“ Clarence & Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Clarence & Bettina Campbell - December 05, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MB

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the family.



Melita Bowman-Murphy - December 05, 2025 at 04:54 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Valerie Southall - December 05, 2025 at 04:39 PM

VB

“ Vickie Broome lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Vickie Broome - December 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM

RS

“ Rosetta Spencer lit a candle in memory of Nora Sykes



Rosetta Spencer - December 05, 2025 at 01:22 PM

EG

“ Our prayers are with the family. Nora Sykes was very helpful to our parents, the Hartfields, during their illnesses. Nora was a thoughtful friend and a good neighbor.



Eleanor Goodman and Family

Eleanor Goodman - December 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM

BB

Mrs. Nora Sykes blessed my church (St. Peter CME Church) by sharing her skills on the piano and by always showing love and encouragement. I was privileged to see her abundant talent as an encourager and leader Church Women United - Flint. Sending condolences to the family and praying for your comfort.

Barbara E. Bouknight

Barbara E. Bouknight - December 08, 2025 at 02:30 PM

EC

“Earl And Diane Crowder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Earl and Diane Crowder - December 05, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BD

“Brenda Duckett-Greer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Brenda Duckett-Greer - December 05, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BD

“Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Brenda Duckett-Greer - December 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM

CB

“ *Cherry L, Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Cherry L, Brown - December 05, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CF

“ *Catherine Fairley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Catherine Fairley - December 05, 2025 at 10:18 AM

CT

“ *Cynthia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Nora Sykes*



Cynthia Threlkeld - December 05, 2025 at 05:56 AM

FN

“ *Fannie Norris lit a candle in memory of Nora Sykes*



Fannie Norris - December 04, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson sent a virtual gift in memory of Nora Sykes*



Tanya Jefferson - December 04, 2025 at 07:50 PM

IB

“ *Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Ivy Blount - December 04, 2025 at 04:21 PM

TE

“ *Aunt Nora has been my second mother since I was seven years old! She introduced me to church family and added so much love to me and my family! She will be deeply missed and forever loved!*
Tracie Garrett – Edwards and Family

Tracie Edwards - December 04, 2025 at 02:34 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Cynthia Tipton - December 04, 2025 at 11:59 AM

AS

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to Sis. Sykes Family. She will be greatly missed.
Sis. Angela Smith & Family
St. Peter CME Church



Angela SMITH - December 04, 2025 at 06:30 AM



“ Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Lula Lewis - December 03, 2025 at 07:34 PM

RM

“ Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Rev. Phyllis McCree - December 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ My deepest condolences to the Sykes family. May God give you all strength during this difficult time.



Joan Pointer - December 03, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CG

“ *Cassandra & Glen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Cassandra & Glen - December 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM

LA

“ *Our God is wise and full of love. HE gave us Nora for 92 years! Blessings and comfort to the family.*



Laura Alexander - December 03, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nora Sykes.*



December 03, 2025 at 12:24 PM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Eddie and Linda Booth - December 03, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DQ

“ *Dean Bill & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Dean Bill & Ruthy Quarles - December 03, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JB

“ *Jessie Barnett-Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Jessie Barnett-Bradley - December 03, 2025 at 10:14 AM

VM

“ *To the best musician, singer, and Christian friend that loved us conditionally. We will truly miss you. May God grant your family peace in knowing that you are now at rest from your earthly home and now in glory. Bless, Bishop Victoria and George McKenzie Jr*



Victoria McKenzie - December 03, 2025 at 01:05 AM

JT

“ *Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - December 02, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Carolyn D Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Carolyn D Davis - December 02, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Tanya Neely - December 02, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Betty Wesley - December 02, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Jacqueline Scott - December 01, 2025 at 10:20 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Anita Harris - December 01, 2025 at 05:44 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



PJ & Glenda Pointer - December 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM

BH

“ My sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family of Mrs. Nora Sykes.



Bob Howard - December 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM

VD

“ REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL HEAVENS MS. SYKES ❤️

Virginia Dantzler - December 01, 2025 at 09:49 AM

CR

“ Cynthia Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Cynthia Reeves - December 01, 2025 at 08:22 AM

OC

“ Ohunwa Carthan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Ohunwa carthan - December 01, 2025 at 07:33 AM

JC

“ My condolences to the family may she rest in peace Rev Jerry and Stephanie Chaney



Jerry Chaney - November 30, 2025 at 08:08 PM

PJ

“ Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Pauline Jones - November 30, 2025 at 06:17 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Leake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Barbara Leake - November 30, 2025 at 05:56 PM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Christine Brown - November 30, 2025 at 05:16 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Peggy Stribling - November 30, 2025 at 05:15 PM

EM

“ *Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - November 30, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Betty Tipper - November 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

OG

“ *Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Ondria Gillespie - November 30, 2025 at 01:48 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Yvonne Williams - November 30, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JP

“ *Rest in Eternal Peace Ms. Nora!*



June Smiley Perkins - November 30, 2025 at 08:25 AM

RI

“ Rich lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes



Rich - November 30, 2025 at 08:06 AM

RM

“ Prayers and condolences to the family, and friends of Sis. Sykes.



Rosie McFadden - November 30, 2025 at 02:09 AM

LC

“ What beautiful sweet lady in spirit & soul, worked with Nora Many years in Great Lakes when I served as Registrar for the district at the registration desk. She was a great worker anything I asked her to do she would not hesitate to do it she would go above and beyond. She would occasionally call me to see if I needed anything else done. Prayers for her family. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. 🙏🙏



Loria Corder - November 29, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wash lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Mary Wash - November 29, 2025 at 07:13 PM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Eddie and Linda Booth - November 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM

BF

“ *Praying for the family may God comfort each and everyone of you all*



Birtie Forster - November 29, 2025 at 06:26 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Wanda Harrison - November 29, 2025 at 05:01 PM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Tanya Neely - November 29, 2025 at 04:38 PM

MT

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Tucker - November 29, 2025 at 03:23 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Faye Starling - November 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM

IG

“ *To the family we are praying for you as you get ready to celebrate her life Stay encouraged*



Ira Gilbert - November 29, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nora Sykes*



Jesse Kirksey - November 29, 2025 at 09:16 AM