



Winston Sykes

December 21, 1951 - January 29, 2023

Winston Sykes was born December 21, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois to Cora Lee Sykes and Willey Sykes. He was the eldest son of eight children. Winston married Sheree Marshall in 1978 and was looking forward to their 45th wedding anniversary in May.

Winston's family moved from Chicago to Hopkins Park where he graduated from Pembroke Consolidated Schools and St. Anne Community High School. Winston also attended Wilberforce University in Ohio for a short time.

Winston is best remembered for his work in the construction field. He enjoyed carpentry work and remodeled many kitchens and bathrooms, replaced roofing and built garages for many in the Kankakee area. He would also do minor repairs in plumbing and heating when asked. Winston was always willing to help others as his skills allowed him to.

One of Winston's favorite pastimes involved music—listening to different types of music, singing and playing various instruments. He enjoyed preparing Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas prime rib and grilling in the warmer months. Winston was the chef in the household for most meals for him and his wife. He could often be found fishing by himself, or with a friend or his grandson. Winston enjoyed binge-watching many old TV series such as “Monk” and new movies. He also enjoyed playing billiards with his friends.

Winston and Sheree joined Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church in Kankakee and raised their family there. Singing in the gospel choir was a favorite of his. He also served as a trustee for several years and of course assisted with the upkeep of the church.

Preceding Winston in death were his parents and two brothers, Willey and Phillip Sykes.

Winston Sykes transitioned from his earthly life to eternal life on January 29, 2023. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Sheree Sykes of Bourbonnais; his daughters, Rachel (Jeff) Dudek of Plainfield and Rhonda (Jimmie) Currie of Bourbonnais; his sons, Roderick (Samantha) Sykes of Momence and Ronnie Hayes of Arizona; his dearly loved grandson, Drake Currie and granddaughter, Brady Sykes; his sisters, Sandra Sykes of Florida, Norma Tucker of Bourbonnais and Robin Stroud of Hopkins Park and brothers, Donnie Sykes and Rory (Bernice) Tucker. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Momence Cemetery

Ganeer Township, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church
805 N. Evergreen Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ *David Linda Higginbothanb lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



David & Linda Higginbothanb - February 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

YO

“ *Yvette Ousley lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Yvette Ousley - February 13, 2023 at 08:40 AM

MJ

“ *Mr. James L. Terrell lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Mr. Mrs. James L. Terrell Jr - February 10, 2023 at 08:34 PM

GW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Sykes family and friends. RIP WINSTON.*



Georgia Warren - February 10, 2023 at 01:33 AM

MW

“ *Marilyn Wilder lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Marilyn Wilder - February 09, 2023 at 10:02 PM

TH

“ *Miss you bro rest in peace from long hair*

Tim. Tyler. Long. Hair - February 09, 2023 at 07:04 PM

EL

“ *My sincere condolences to the Sykes'Family*



Ethel Lee - February 09, 2023 at 06:40 PM

FP

“ *From Ike and Birgit Patrick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Winston Sykes.*



From Ike and Birgit Patrick - February 09, 2023 at 11:07 AM

TC

“ *Winston was a friend I didn't see often enough. A good guy who will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family*

Terry Chusm - February 09, 2023 at 09:27 AM

TF

“ Thomas Family lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



Thomas Family - February 08, 2023 at 08:12 PM

MB

“ Mattie Biyden lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



Mattie Biyden - February 08, 2023 at 08:12 PM

AJ

“ Adam Johnsom lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



Adam Johnsom - February 08, 2023 at 07:48 PM

AJ

“ Winston & I had a friendship/brotherhood that was not that Facebook kind of thing..ours was forged for over 50 years. We never ended a conversation without a "Love you & a God bless..he is and will be forever missed!!

Adam Johnsom - February 08, 2023 at 07:46 PM

MB

“ minnie brewster lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



minnie brewer brewster - February 08, 2023 at 07:44 PM

DO

“ My condolences to the family of Winston. RIP my Friend 💔



Donna Odeneal - February 08, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Winston Sykes.



February 08, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MM

“ Sheree and family, may God comfort your hearts at this time and always.
With love, Michael and Rita



Michael & Rita Morris - February 07, 2023 at 11:05 PM

BM

“ *My condolences to the Family of Winston Sykes. The all around man of many talents. Rest In Peace*



Brenda Miles - February 07, 2023 at 09:46 PM

DB

“ *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



*Sheree, Rachel, Rhonda, Roderick and family of Mr. Winston Sykes,
You have our deepest sympathy. May God Bless You. You're in our prayers.*

*Godspeed,
Rufus O. & Cynthia J. (Dear) Babatunde
Michael F. Dear*

Dear Babatunde - February 07, 2023 at 08:01 PM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Catherine Jackson - February 07, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Winston Sykes.*



February 07, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *My Condolences to the family. Winston did some house repairs for me .*



Cheryl Wilson - February 07, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Donna Jackson lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Donna Jackson - February 06, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Cedric Johnson lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes*



Cedric Johnson - February 05, 2023 at 11:17 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



Patricia Jamison - February 05, 2023 at 02:14 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



JOANN FORD-BOX - February 04, 2023 at 05:05 PM

CJ

“ Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Winston Sykes



Catherine Jackson - February 04, 2023 at 12:28 PM

KC

“ Rest easy cousin. You labored hard here and very skillful. You will be missed in many ways.



Kenneth Crite - February 04, 2023 at 11:02 AM

LS

“ *Lorraine Strickland lit a candle in memory of
Winston Sykes*



Lorraine Strickland - February 04, 2023 at 10:10 AM