



Richard Miller Sykes Sr.

August 29, 1942 - October 30, 2021

Richard Miller Sykes, Sr. of New Haven, CT, entered into eternal sleep after a long battle with cancer on Saturday, October 30, 2021 with his family by his side.

He was born August 29, 1942, a son of the late Roosevelt Sykes, Sr. and the late Rev. Lila Sykes.

Richard was educated in the New Haven public schools and graduated from Hillhouse High School where he played football. After graduating he had several other endeavors including boxing and becoming a self-taught artist, having an exhibition in Yale University Art Gallery. Richard was also affiliated with the Alliance Theater Element acting in "The Amen Corner" at the Summerfield Methodist Church in New Haven.

Richard was a Herculean resident of Carmel St. and was a friend of Bill's - AA celebrating 43 years of sobriety. He was also a sponsor to a few members.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving family, Richard Sykes, Jr. (NE), Michael Sykes (CT), Crystal Newkirk (VA) and Adrian Akerman (MD); his loving sister, Juanita Dean (CT); 7 grandchildren, Mercedes Sykes, Richard Sykes III (Trey), Daysha Sykes, Tyrese Slade, Shante Sykes, Antrum Coston and William Newkirk, Jr.; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends. Special thanks to his great-granddaughter Arianna (his right hand). He also leaves behind his life-long friend and confidant, Carol Twitty AKA "Punket."

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his siblings, Rudolph Sykes, Constance Flagg, Roosevelt Sykes, Jr., Harold Sykes, Lawrence Sykes, Maurice Sykes, Sr. and Raymond Sykes, Sr. (his twin).

He will be sorely missed.

"The Miracle is Just a Mirror Away"

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Miller Sykes Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *God bless you and the family 💕. May your dad rest with happiness...I love you my sissy. Rose Batchelor.*

Rose Batchelor - November 25, 2021 at 05:34 AM



“ *I remember Richie in the "Amen Corner" with Carol Stewart and Vera Rankin. I was also in the cast. The group name was "Vital Elements" and he was great. So sorry for your loss. God bless.*

Gloria Richardson

Gloria J. Richardson - November 08, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *My deepest Condolences to the Sykes family
RIP Richard.*



Barbara Thomas - November 07, 2021 at 08:46 PM

DF

“ I meet Dick in the 1980s where he shared his experience strength and hope of a new life and all its possibilities. If I was willing to take suggestions and work an honest program and go to any lengths, I did, I have and I'm still here trudging the road of happy destiny. Dick and I have been friends on Facebook and I will miss his humor, wisdom and shares. I will carry on his love for God and God's will for me 🙏. He was my friend and I will miss him always. God Bless you all 💕😭

Dawn Falcone - November 05, 2021 at 10:25 PM

DA

“ God comfort the Sykes family and grant them peace of mind. May the spirit of love be extended from heart to heart for life and lift each spirit 💕 Weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning. With deepest sympathy Dawn Vaughn 🙏🙏🙏



Dawn - November 05, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Miller Sykes Sr..



November 04, 2021 at 08:06 PM

NW

“ *Condolences to the Sykes family*



Nadine Wylie - November 04, 2021 at 02:49 AM

RO

“ *May God grant all of you the peace, love, affection, attention, care and support during this time. I am so very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many.*

Ronice - November 03, 2021 at 10:33 AM

AD

“ *Condolences to the family on your loss. May God comfort you in your time of grief.*

Adriana - November 03, 2021 at 10:06 AM

AD

“ *Adriana lit a candle in memory of Richard Miller Sykes Sr.*



Adriana - November 03, 2021 at 10:04 AM