



John A. Sykes

May 1, 1941 - January 5, 2019

Frankfort – John Allen “Johnny” Sykes, age 77, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019. A Gathering and Celebration of Life will be held at Buffalo Trace Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Private family committal services will be held.

Mr. Sykes was born in Frankfort on May 1, 1941, to the late Christopher Columbus and Carrie Boyd Sykes. He attended Mayo Underwood School and graduated from Frankfort High School and Kentucky State University. Mr. Sykes retired from the Kentucky State Government Department of Transportation and Kentucky State University. He was very active in his community, and was a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Rotary Club, Deacon, Usher, and Trustee, at First Baptist Church on Clinton Street, the internal Vice President of the Frankfort Jay Cees, Treasurer for the Habitat for Humanity, served in several offices on South Frankfort Community Center Board, and was a Past Honorary Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Kentucky, Inc. and Past Master of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 of Frankfort, Kentucky.

He is survived by his children, Pamila Johnson; John Sykes, David Sykes (Isis), and Keri Sykes; siblings, Anna Sykes, Ben Sykes, Carolyn Sykes, James Sykes, Robert Sykes and William Sykes; grandchildren, Joshua Johnson, Quinn-Elliott Nation, Bryan-Christopher Sykes, Denisha Summerour-Dodge, Astrid Sykes, and Santiago Sykes; and great-grandchild, Maximillian Johnson; and previous wives, Ayon Embry and Delores Calhoun.

He was also blessed with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his siblings, Juanita Sweat, Mabel Sykes, David Sykes, and Henrietta Sullivan.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the South Frankfort Community Center or Frankfort Habitat for Humanity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Buffalo Trace Clubhouse
113 Great Buffalo Trace
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Sykes*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I had the privilege of meeting John in the middle 1950's when, as children, we would gather in an area up by the Capitol to play baseball...I regret not staying close to friends like John, who in our youth gave an amazing impression that has endured even now...he always lit up the scene while he was with us, and his glow will persist...*



Jonathon Spires MD - June 27, 2023 at 02:27 AM



“ *Desiree Howard & Family lit a candle in memory of John A. Sykes*



Desiree Howard & Family - January 16, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Johnny was an exemplary citizen. May his legend be long remembered.*

Marion P. Rogers - January 12, 2019 at 04:10 PM

SB

“ The Bender family in Birmingham Alabama would like to send its condolences and prayers to the Sykes and extended family. Johnny or Moley as we called each other, was a dad to so many despite him having his own children. Always remember going to Johnny's House and seeing Miss Case's doll collection. I always wanted to go in there and just walk around but you couldn't do that and we all understood but it was just so fascinating to see so many dolls in a room and then when miss case passed away and the dolls went away there were other things that occupied the room like dances in the summer time when John would come home and everybody was trying to be like Prince and Kurtis blow. When Johnny moved to East main his place became the spot for homecoming if you weren't eating hot water cornbread, chili and chitlins at Johnny's House you just wasn't cool I treasure those times always I'll make my last post. I love you Johnny, Moley #2 out! Sydnee Brown Bender, Darryl, Lexie and DAB3 LUV U

Sydnee Bender - January 11, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - January 09, 2019 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ TO, the family of John A. Sykes. I lost a friend and brother. I will miss this talk's and this smile. Suddenly a flash of lighting streaks across the dark sky! Like a comet and I knew It was John A. Sykes. Farewell my friend.

PM. John T. Greathouse, Sr

John T. Greathouse, Sr - January 09, 2019 at 12:08 AM

TM

“ I am very sorry to hear of John's passing, gone way too young. We worked together for years and I considered him a friend as well as a colleague. John was no doubt a character and enjoyed life. My sincerest sympathies go to John Jr. and his entire family.

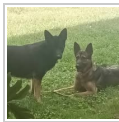
Taylor Manley

Taylor Manley - January 08, 2019 at 05:47 PM

DT

We are sorry to hear about John's passing, we worked for and with him for years and afterwards a friend, Sending prayers to the family, God Bless.

Don and Anne Tate - January 08, 2019 at 07:31 PM



I worked with John a number of years and am sad to learn of his passing. He will be sorely missed. His smile and character I recall mostly! God Bless.

Russ Glenn - January 09, 2019 at 09:29 PM

EE

Edmond Edwards
Johnny was the greatest big brother, friend, and father figure anyone could ever have.

Edmond Edwards - January 13, 2019 at 09:25 PM

JM

I am saddened to just learn of the death of John. I remember him fondly, when as children we would play baseball on an open area by the Capitol. I would meet a number of friends in the summers, while vacationing with my grandparents on Campbell street. I deeply regret not reaching out to John some years ago, when my cousin Charlotte Hoover told me that she had seen John, during her work with the State. He always lit up the scene while he was with us, and his glow will persist...Sincerely, Jonathon Spiers MD

Jonathon Spiers MD - March 07, 2023 at 02:55 AM