



## Ms. Sarah M. Sykes

July 14, 1950 - November 22, 2022

\*\*\*ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH IS HOSTING A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF SARAH MAE SYKES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022. PLEASE SEE SERVICE TIMES & LOCATION LISTED BELOW \*\*\*MASKS ARE OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH\*\*\*\*

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### The Obituary

Sarah Mae Sykes was born July 14, 1950 in Scotts Mississippi to the late Joseph and Ollie (freeman) Woodard.

She attended school at Delta Pine#1 elementary and in 1967 Sarah along with the family relocated to Kalamazoo Michigan, where she attended Kalamazoo Central High School. She was formally married to Tommie L. Sykes and through this union, were blessed with 4 children.

Sarah loved the Lord, as she loved her family and people. She joined Allen Chapel AME Church and worked faithfully and financially supported her church until she was unable to attend. Sarah was a praying person, a Warrior, kind, giving, loveable, and she gave out Love loyally. She wanted to make sure everybody was taken care of, even strangers. Sarah would sometimes stand against the giants, Doctors, Lawyers, Police and you if she felt you were wrong, but would apologize just as quick. She loved drinking her Pepsi and sitting on her porch, talking for hours. As she would say "I am keeping you hostage", but it was always hard to just end the conversation, especially if you were talking about her favorite part of gone with the wind.

She worked for BE-Mo Potato Chip company for many years, until she was hired at General Motors and worked there until her retirement.

Sarah is Proceeded in death by her parents; Joseph Woodard Sr., Ollie (Freeman) Woodard, Daughter, Toni Bell Sykes, Grandson, Tyrese Sykes, Sister, Thadoshie Warren and Brother, Joseph Woodard Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories; Her children Consuelo Perry, Jackie Woodard and Tommie L. Sykes III, 18 Grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren. Siblings; Clara, Clotetia, Ollie, Elaine, Jacqueline Stacy and Stevie. Special Cousin/sister, Diane Freeman, Best friend Virginia Russell. Special Friends; Delores Kelly, Deacon JL and Terry Buchannan, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
804 W. North Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
804 W. North Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Sarah M. Sykes



Harper Funeral Home - November 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM

CF

Praying for your family 🙏, sorry for your ❤️🙏❤️🙏

Charlene Harkness and family - December 03, 2022 at 07:42 AM



“ Ms. Sarah M. Sykes

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Sarah M. Sykes

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SJ

“ Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Susan Johnson - December 09, 2022 at 07:56 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 09, 2022 at 11:09 AM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



**Patterson Family** - December 07, 2022 at 08:00 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



**Karen Johnson-Foster** - December 06, 2022 at 11:15 AM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



**Karen Johnson-Foster** - December 04, 2022 at 12:43 PM

SW

“ *Sheryl Warren lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



**Sheryl Warren** - December 03, 2022 at 03:45 PM

SW

“ *My Condolences to the entire family in the loss of Auntie Sarah 🙏 my Prayers to you all*

**Sheryl Warren** - December 03, 2022 at 03:44 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Karen Johnson-Foster - December 03, 2022 at 01:05 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Carolyn Windham Johnson - December 02, 2022 at 10:32 PM

YR

“ Yvonne Reese lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Yvonne Heltzel Reese - December 02, 2022 at 10:31 PM

CL

“ Cathy Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Cathy Cole Lipsey - December 02, 2022 at 10:30 PM

CB

“ Carrol T. Blair lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Carrol T. Blair - December 02, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DT

“ *Denise Turner lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



Denise Turner - December 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM

RW

“ *Ruby WalkerBarbee lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



Ruby WalkerBarbee - December 01, 2022 at 06:16 PM

JF

“ *Sending prayers and deepest condolences to the Sykes and Woodard family  
Julie & Bruce Fields*



julie fields - December 01, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



Pauline Gardner - December 01, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Tanya Abbott sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarah M. Sykes*



Tanya Abbott - November 30, 2022 at 08:15 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarah M. Sykes



Earline Fields and Family - November 30, 2022 at 07:34 PM

EF

“ My Condolences to the Sykes and Woodard family I will keep you all in my prayers God bless you all RIP Sarah



Earline Fields and Family - November 30, 2022 at 07:33 PM

KM

“ kim marshall lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



kim marshall - November 30, 2022 at 04:12 PM

AT

“ My condolences to the family



Alice Taylor - November 30, 2022 at 01:31 PM

GW

“ GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - November 30, 2022 at 12:01 PM

RR

“ Regina Russell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Regina Russell - November 30, 2022 at 11:11 AM

CB

“ Sarah, may you R.I.P. I will always remember you. God bless you on your journey.

Carrol T. Blair - November 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM

KW

“ I'm truly going to miss my Aunt Sarah! The way she said my name "is that MeeShe?" Will always resonate in my heart I'm glad I got the chance to tell her I loved her every time I spoke to, or saw her. Heaven has gained another angel...Rest well Antie give Toni, Reese, and Great Granny a hug & kiss for me💕



Kamecia Woodard - November 29, 2022 at 07:21 PM

HB

“ Hal Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes



Hal & Janet Buchanan - November 29, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DA

“ I'm very saddened to hear about the passing of my girl Sarah may you Rest In Eternal Peace

Doris Abbott - November 29, 2022 at 02:11 PM

CK

“ Sending prayers of strength and comfort to Connie, Jackie, Tommy and (Toni) & children. Ms. Sara was such a beautiful soul.

Cheri Kroupensky - November 29, 2022 at 11:14 AM

L&

“ *Lola & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Sykes*



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**Lola Streeter & Family** - November 29, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JD

“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sykes*



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**Joann Dixon** - November 29, 2022 at 06:50 AM