

*In Loving Memory of*



*William Theodore Sykes*

Sunrise  
July 22, 1945

Sunset  
March 28, 2012

*Service*

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

**NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

153 Lawrence Street • Paterson, NJ 07501

*Rev. Robert Russell, Pastor*

## *Reflections of Life*

**William Theodore Sykes**, affectionately known as “Bill” and “Sykes”, was born July 22, 1945 in Passaic, NJ. He resided in Paterson, NJ for most of his life.

Bill was employed as a manager for SB Thomas Inc. in Totowa, NJ until he retired. Sykes was a US Army, Vietnam Veteran enrolled in the Airborne Division where he received the Purple Heart Medal for his service. He was a former member of Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ, The Elks Lodge No. 333 IBPOE of W and a member of the VFW both in Paterson, NJ.

Sykes was passionate about photography and was always seen with a camera in tow snapping pictures. Sykes loved cruising and walking. He never ceased the opportunity to enjoy life. Sykes worked hard and played hard. He loved his children and family.

He was predeceased by his parents, William “Geech” Gibbs and Hattie Bea Sykes; daughter, Josephine Forbes; brother, Essie Sykes; uncles, Benjamin “Blind” Sykes and Robert Lee Sykes.

Sykes departed this life on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

William leaves to cherish his memories: daughter, Tonya Sykes-Hobson (Willie Hobson) of Paterson, NJ; sons, Larry Forbes, Jason and Jarrad Sykes all of Paterson and William T. Sykes, II of Vineland, NJ; former wife, Dolores Sykes-Williams; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; devoted friends, Pearl Foster, Rhonda Barnes, Millie Jones and Jackie Hinton; and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Solo ..... Shawn McDowell

Family Reflections ..... Jazymne Sanders  
*(2 minutes only)*

Reflections of Life ..... Dale Thomas

Solo ..... Brenda Mickens

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Robert Russell

Recessional

## **Interment**

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

# *To Say Goodbye*

To say goodbye is not the end  
To all my family and friends  
For life goes on, you must endure  
For my eternity is sure.  
Remember all the good times  
The memories we've shared  
The precious jewels of laughter  
The tender love and care.  
I found my resting place  
God's peace surrounds my soul  
Let love abound in all your hearts  
Let heaven be your goal.

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **William Sykes** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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