



## Apostle Calvin F Sykes

November 14, 1943 - October 29, 2024

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, Apostle Calvin F. Sykes, Sr. made his escape from the body that was unable to afford him residence anymore.

He was born November 14, 1943 to the late Elder Joe C. and Mother Truemiller Sykes. He had six sisters (three older deceased) and one brother. He was reared in a section of Columbia, NC called Alligator in Tyrrell County and graduated Tyrrell High School in May 1962. Upon graduation, he moved to New Jersey and worked several jobs of which one was the Library at Princeton University. While working there, he was drafted into the Army April 1965; spent most of this time in the war in Viet Nam.

On September 3, 1967 after being blessed to get back home, he married his love that he had known since seventh grade. Soon after that he moved to Norfolk and became employed at Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock, Norfolk, VA. There he attended the Apprentice School and worked for 38+ years until retirement in 2006.

In November 1970 he experienced the new birth and became a new creation in Christ. He joined Tabernacle of God Holiness Church of Divine Healing, Norfolk, VA. In 1972, ordained a deacon; March 1974, he was licensed to preach the gospel; May 1977, ordained an elder; in 1980, appointed Overseer; in 1992, designated Vice Bishop; May 1998, consecrated as

Bishop; June 2018 appointed Apostle; September 2020 received Doctor of Divinity. He was the Presiding Prelate of the New Tabernacle of God Holiness Churches and Pastor of Trinity Tabernacle Ministries in Newport News, VA.

He enjoyed encouraging people to trust God. As the Holy Spirit enlightened him with knowledge of the word, he was willing to pour it out on anybody that would listen. His love for all people was evident in his love for Jesus. He could see good in everybody. He displayed the love of God always in his Christian life. He put 100% in living for Christ. He is with Jesus and with approval of his wife, Heddy B. Sykes, who is very saddened but understands his decision to release this earthly life to receive his eternal reward.

His daughter Karen Sykes Harris and three sisters, Eva Bowser, Lucy Jennings, and Virginia Andrews preceded him in death. His love is still here for other family members; Wife (Heddy), children: Calvin F. Sykes, Jr. (Marquita) Portsmouth, VA; Brenda King (Bob) and Linda Ziglar (James) of Winston Salem, NC; Stacey Respass (Sandra) Newport News, VA; sisters, Fannie Morris of Knightdale, NC, Martha Vickers of Trenton, NJ, Recel Bowser of Columbia, NC; brother Apostle Arnold Earl Sykes (Doris) of Elizabeth City, NC; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grands and a host of nieces nephews and friends,

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church  
4608 South Blvd  
Virginia Beach , VA 23462

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church  
4608 South Blvd  
Virginia Beach , VA 23462

## Graveside Sevice

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Sykes Family Cemetery  
Columbia, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ Premier Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Apostle Calvin F Sykes



Premier Funeral Services - November 04, 2024 at 07:05 PM

AB

“ Deacon Fentress, & Dr. Alice Basnight, we miss you already. We didn't get a chance to say good-bye but its a comfort to know you are with the Lord.

2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. We lookward to see you when we all get together in Christ Jesus, What a Wonderful day it will be. We Love you, your family; FB, Alice, Alicia, Tony, AJ, Jordan, BJ, Zikeya, Dylan, Cadyn, Fen III, Taylor & Jordan.

ALICE BASNIGHT - November 11, 2024 at 03:50 PM

LP

“ The Owens family (Vivian, Oressa, and Louella) send our deepest condolences and sympathy to Heddy and the Sykes family. Calvin has been a big part of our lives as he and our brother were best friends. As a matter of fact he performed our brother's homegoing service in March 2018. He is third of that foursome that has gone home to be with the Lord! May God give you the peace and comfort you need. Love the Owens family

Lourlla Owens Pittman - November 09, 2024 at 08:25 PM

DW

“ Dr. Patrice C. Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.

Dr. Patrice C. Ward - November 09, 2024 at 06:59 AM

DW

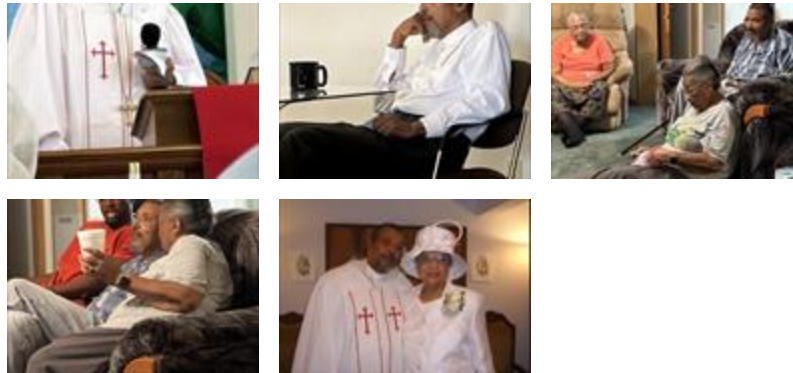
“ Dr. Patrice C. Ward purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



Dr. Patrice C. Ward - November 09, 2024 at 06:59 AM

AS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Althea N. Spruill - November 08, 2024 at 04:15 PM

BJ

“ My condolences to First Lady H. Sykes, his children, my cousin; Elder Randy V. Hargrove, and the entire family and church families. When I met Apostle Sykes, he always treated me with the Love of Christ and he will be missed. 🙏



Bro. Kenny Hargrove, Jr. - November 08, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LA

“ Lavern lit a candle in memory of Apostle Calvin F Sykes



Lavern - November 08, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.

November 08, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



November 08, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



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November 08, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Ralph Hargett & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.

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**Ralph Hargett & Family** - November 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *Ralph Hargett & Family* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



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**Ralph Hargett & Family** - November 07, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



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November 07, 2024 at 07:06 PM

LF

“ Love, Maurice & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



Love, Maurice & Family - November 07, 2024 at 03:48 PM

TN

“ The Andrews nieces and nephews purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



The Andrews nieces and nephews - November 07, 2024 at 03:09 PM

PC

“ Pastor Bowser and Congregation purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Calvin F Sykes.



Pastor Bowser and Congregation - November 07, 2024 at 02:16 PM

DF

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Dianthia Ford-Kee - November 06, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LA

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Lavern - November 06, 2024 at 10:25 AM



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Calvin Sykes Jr. - November 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LI

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Lisa - November 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ I remember growing up in Columbia NC at Attmore Holy Temple, when Bishop Sykes would preach, he would always remind us that we have to be ready to meet Jesus. Fast forward to 2020, during COVID-19, Bishop Sykes started doing a Facebook live service and I watched him then up until his last post. I can honestly say he never forgot to remind us to think about where we are going to spend eternity. The last service I watched, he even said he was ready and that we all got to be ready. I am thankful for all of those 1st Sundays at Attmore and beyond. To the family and friends, I pray God's grace and strength during this time of great loss. And remember, he is in our future!

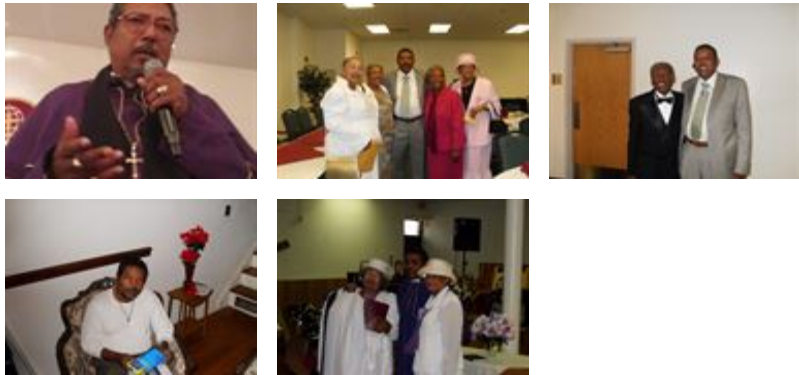


*Lizzie Liverman*

Lizzie Liverman - November 05, 2024 at 01:09 PM



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Premier Funeral Services - November 04, 2024 at 02:01 PM



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**Calvin Sykes Jr.** - November 04, 2024 at 10:37 AM