



## Albert Sykes, Sr.

January 5, 1932 - September 27, 2011

Portsmouth - Albert "Paul" Sykes Sr., 79, of the 200 block of Beechdale Road, answered God's call on September 27, 2011 in his home. He was born to the late Charlie and Catherine Sykes. He was predeceased by his wife Antoinette M. Small-Sykes.

Albert P Sykes Sr., was born in Garysburg, N. C., on January 5, 1932 to the late Charlie and Catherine Sykes. He spent his early childhood years in Richmond, VA until he relocated to Portsmouth, VA. He graduated from Maggie Walker High School in Richmond.

On June 30, 1953, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Antoinette "Toni" Sykes and was blessed with 7 children. He was employed at Virginia Chemicals/Hoerchst Celanese as a Shop Steward and Laboratory Technician where he retired after 17 years of service. He was also employed with the City of Portsmouth, Commissioner of the Revenue as a Clerk. However, when his health began to decline, he retired after 6 years of service. He was the first African American male to work in that department.

He was a member of Twine Memorial Holy Temple for many years until he joined New Hope Baptist Church, St. Julien's Creek where he was a member until his death. Some of his other attributes were, Past Master of Lebanon Lodge #34 Third Masonic District where he was a member since 1974; he was an entrepreneur at an early age as a Real Estate Property owner; Floor Technician; member of The Urban League; The Zeus Club; Democratic Party (local politician); member of the Board of Directors at Virginia Chemicals

Credit Union and very active in the Civic League.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years to the late Antoinette Marie Sykes; eight brothers; two sisters, and a lifetime friend the late Willie Davis.

He is survived by his eight children: Margo Cox (Edward); Albert Sykes Jr. (Fiancée Stephanie); Angelo Sykes; Gail Sykes-Murray (William); Kevin Sykes; Deidre Sykes; Marlon Sykes (Sonia); and Natasha Sykes-Raysor (Fiancée James); six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; a special niece Nagolia Wells; adoptive daughter Linda Hughes; and a very special friend Morgan Joe Jr., and host of other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (St. Julian Creek)  
1317 Gust Lane  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Sykes, Sr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sykes Family,  
I'm terribly sorry to here of your loss. Mr. Paul will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,  
Althea "TEENY" Mason##imported-begin##Althea  
Mason##imported-end##

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October 02, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your father, you have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

Paulette##imported-begin##Paulette W Newsome##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 04:12 PM



“ may god continue to always bless this family.may the values that mr.Sykes lived out,always be shown thru the lives of his offsprings.##imported-begin##RANDALL WHITE##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ My prayers are with you and your family. The bible offers us a hope that one day there will be no more sickness and death. We all look for this hope.##imported-begin##Angela Smith##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ Daddy, I am going to miss you dearly. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to have you in my life. Everything that I am I owe to you and God. You promised me that you would always be here for me and you did everything that you said you would do. Thank you! I love you and you forever be in my heart.##imported-begin##Natashia Sykes-Raysor##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 09:46 PM



“ It with heartfelt sadness that I offer condolences to the family of Past Master Albert Sykes, a Prince Hall Master Mason, whom the Good Lord has seen fit to grant him eternally rest from his labors in the quarry of life. Well done thy good and faithful servant!##imported-begin##DDGM Curtis Gunn##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 03:28 PM