



SPC Shawn D. Sykes

August 6, 1980 - May 7, 2009

Chesapeake – SPC Shawn D. Sykes, 28, of Chesapeake, departed this life on May 7, 2009, in Landstuhl, Germany. Shawn was born August 6, 1980 in Portsmouth to Marion Cotton and Sylvester Sykes . He was first enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and later enlisted in the U.S. Army. He received numerous medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and Expert Marksmanship Badge.

SPC Sykes leaves to cherish his memory, a loving mother, Marion Cotton; a caring father, Sylvester Sykes; four sisters, Ashley Cotton, Brittany Cotton, Destinee Cotton and Nyanna Cotton; a niece Ramiyah Cotton; 2 special aunts, Sheron Wright (Thurman) of Maryland and Betty Spencer (Bennie) of Portsmouth; and a host of family and friends.

A reflection of Shawn's life will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at J.T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA from 6 – 8 p.m. A life celebration service will be held at noon Friday, May 15, 2009 at Grove Baptist Church, 5910 West Norfolk Road, Portsmouth with Dr. Melvin O. Marriner, officiating. Burial will be in Albert G. Horton Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, to handle the final care arrangements. Condolences can be sent to www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of SPC Shawn D. Sykes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ SPC Sykes, you will be a dearly missed soldier. It pain me to know that you will nolonger be here. You were a very good soldier I have every had and you will e missed by all your feelow cooks at Freeman DFAC, Fort Hood, Texas. Rest in peace baby boy and my condolences goes out to your family.##imported-begin##SSG Ellis##imported-end##

May 23, 2009 at 06:12 AM



“ Shawn Sykes a childhood and long time friend. I will never forget the fun we had and childhood memories of us and both of our siblings. May you rest in peace. You will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Dominic J. Broadus II##imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 12:10 PM



“ Hello Marion, just wanted to let you know that I am so sorry to hear about your son. You have my deepest sympathy, I will keep you and your family in my prayers, I wish that I could be there for you. Hopefully I will see you soon. Take care and be strong.

Ms. Donna Quinerly##imported-begin##Ms. Donna Quinerly##imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 08:18 AM



“ I do not personally know the family but i have read of your story. I offer my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, brother and family member. The stories written of him let us know that he was much loved and respected by many. I thank Shawn for his service and protection to us all. Much respect is well deserved and given. Each family member is in my prayers throughout this most difficult time. May God Bless you all.##imported-begin##T.Melvin##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 09:02 PM



“ I remember us playing at your grandmothers house in Ida Barbour. Back then it seem like everyday we were together. Our moms kept us close and I thank them for that time I had with you. As a matter of fact my mom gave you the nickname "Big Shawn" so that she could tell you and my brother apart.I knew you were in the military but I always figured you'd eventually get out and we'd be hanging again. I can't flnd the words to say goodbye so I won't. I'll see you again! I love you man. R.I.P BIG SHAWN!##imported-begin##Kandi Sykes##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ *May you find comfort in knowing he is with the LORD and may you find strength in all your friends and families at your side! God Bless!##imported-begin##Alex Shook & Pam Mclay##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 03:16 PM