



Doreen E. Sykes

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Doreen Elizabeth Sykes was born to the union of Willie Ford and Dessie Ford on July 13, 1939 in Forest City, Arkansas. She was the fifth of eight children.

Doreen accepted Christ at an early age, attending The Church of Christ Disciples in Caldwell, Arkansas. There she sang with her sisters, Barbara and Floretta, known as the “Ford Sisters”. When she moved to Saint Louis, Missouri she joined Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church where she continued to sing in the Chancel Choir, served on the Women’s Association, The Boosters and taught Vacation Bible School. She most recently joined Beth-El Baptist Church with her family. Doreen graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957. It was at Lincoln High School where she was a majorette in the marching band, sang in the school choirs and met the love of her life, Abell Sykes. Doreen received her Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Music Education in 1962 from Kentucky State College. There she performed in the Concert Choir. She later received her Master’s Degree in Social Studies at Webster University. Her passion and love for education led her to a successful teaching career for many years in the Wellston School District. She received many accolades. Her passion for excellence and discipline changed the lives of many young people. She is fondly remembered by her students and peers. She was an accomplished pianist and also enjoyed sewing.

Doreen was united in Holy Matrimony May 28, 1962 to Abell Sykes. To this union, one son, Edward L. Sykes and one daughter, Stacey M. Sykes-Gladden, were born.

Doreen transitioned from this life on March 14, 2022 in Saint Louis,



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Missouri surrounded by her children. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, Abell Sykes and siblings, Leicester Ford, Addie Alcorn, Brice Ford and Lee Opal Ford.

Doreen leaves to cherish her memory: her son ~ Edward (Jennifer); daughter ~ Stacey (Ezel Jr.); her adoring grandchildren ~ Isaiah Ali, Rachel Sykes, Steven Gladden and Julian Gladden; sisters ~ Barbara Brooks and Floretta Baker; brother ~ Glenn Ford and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

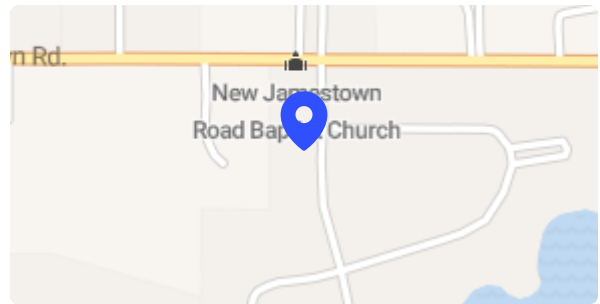


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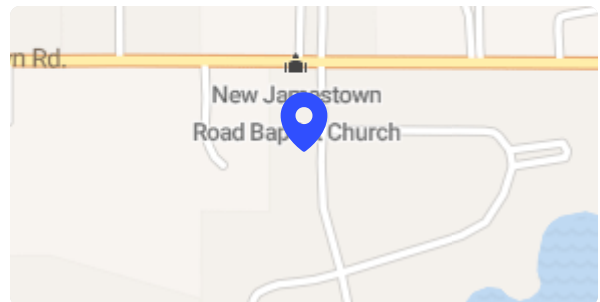
Visitation

- Wednesday**, March 23, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Beth-El Baptist Church**
1809 New Jamestown Road, Spanish Lake MO 63138



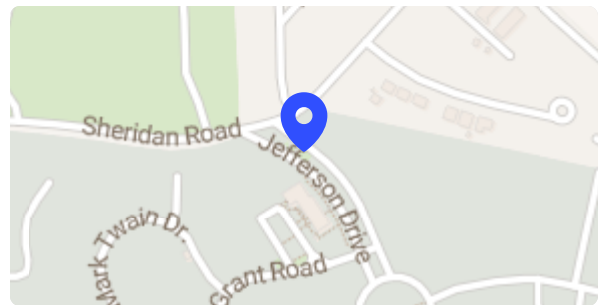
Service

- Wednesday**, March 23, 2022
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT
- Beth-El Baptist Church**
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Burial

- Wednesday**, March 23, 2022
- 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM CT
- Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**
2900 Sheridan, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery MO 63125




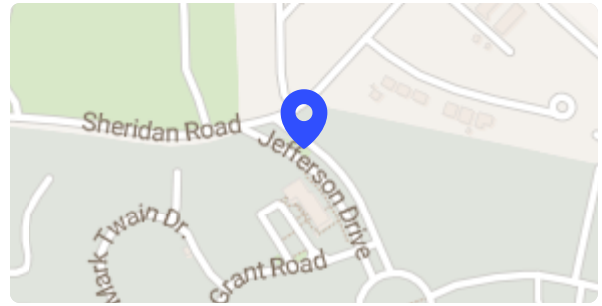


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Cemetery Details

 **Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**
2900 Sheridan, Jefferson Barracks National
Cemetery MO 63125





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sykes family.

March 26 at 1:47 PM



Virginia lit a candle in honor of Doreen.

Sincere compassion for all of Doreen's family from Virginia and Bob Sheare .
Thunder Bay, On Canada

March 23 at 5:46 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sykes family.

March 22 at 9:52 PM



Bonnie And Roy Stock lit a candle in honor of Doreen.

Our deepest condolences. Wishing we could be beside you for your moms funeral.
Our thoughts and prayers for the family.

March 22 at 4:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Sykes family.

March 22 at 1:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Sykes family.

March 22 at 5:56 AM





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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Sykes family.

March 22 at 5:53 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sykes family.

March 21 at 12:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sykes family.

March 21 at 7:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Sykes family.

March 20 at 8:54 AM



Mgnaai lit a candle in honor of Doreen.

"A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow." Please know that you are in our prayers. Sending condolences to the family of Doreen Ford Sykes on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Doreen was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1957." Delores Farr Morelon, President MGNAAI

March 19 at 8:57 AM



Al Sr, Mary, Al Jr, Alicia And The Gang sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sykes family.

March 18 at 12:00 PM





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Vernell Whitehead shared an album called **Memories Album.**



March 17 at 7:50 AM



Vernell Whitehead March 17 at 7:51 AM
Doreen and her Homeboy, KSU Alumni Adell



Vernell Whitehead shared an album called **Memories Album.**



March 17 at 7:49 AM



Vernell Whitehead March 17 at 7:51 AM
KSU Gateway Chapter meeting, she loved her school



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sykes family.



March 16 at 7:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sykes family.



March 16 at 7:06 AM



Vernell Whitehead shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 17 at 7:50 AM



Doreen & her Homeboy Adell



Vernell Whitehead shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 17 at 7:49 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Doreen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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