



## Mr. Charles Anthony Sykes, III

May 27, 1959 - January 11, 2009

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles Anthony Sykes, III*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Charlie was a friendly and outgoing presence here. I was always pleased to see him and shake his hand. He will be missed. My condolences to his family on this tragic loss to us all.  
Reg McGhee##imported-begin##Reginald McGhee##imported-end##*

January 22, 2009 at 12:03 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss, Charles was a good man. When I remember him from our days at Cass Tech I smile. He brought joy and laughter to many lives.##imported-begin##Lina Stephens##imported-end##*

January 21, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ *Charles was more than just a coworker he was my friend and I truly will miss him i can not believe that this has happen may god bless and protect the family. Charley you will never be forgotten##imported-begin##Allen D Robinson##imported-end##*

January 21, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ I give my greatest condolences to the family and friends of Mr.Charles Anthony Sykes III. MY prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Rochelle D Williams##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy to the family of Charlie Sykes. I could always count on Charlie to brighten my day with a smile or a laugh first thing in the morning. He was always there to help us at the CHR in any way he could. I will always remember, and miss, his kind nature and huge smile. May God comfort you, as only He can, in your loss.##imported-begin##Marsha Creelman##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ To Nita and the rest of Tony's family, my deepest prayers go out to you, No one will ever forgat Tony, for his warm personality, his beautiful smile and his huge appetite. He was a wonderful man. Just know he's in heaven with our heavenly Father, and Deja, who probably trying to boss him around and show him the ropes. May the peace of God be with you all.##imported-begin##Niecy,(Shawn's Mother-in-law)##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 11:44 AM



“ Charlie was just a wonderful person. He always so positive and had a kind word to share. I will truly miss him. Today is my first day back at work since his passing and it just doesn't feel right without him. I will always remember his smile and laughter.##imported-begin##Ca-Sandra Tutt##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 11:19 AM



“Gone too soon. My sympathy goes out to the family. May God be with you through these trying times.##imported-begin##Claudia Childrey##imported-end##

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January 20, 2009 at 10:35 AM



“Good Morning Family,

*I attended the home going service of Mr. Charles on yesterday. It was indeed a beautiful service. I met Charles in November of 2008 when the Lord Blessed me with a job at the CHR. Charles was the first person that I met as I sat and waited. I was very nervous and scared. To start a new working career after 32 years at a GM site. Charles came and got me from the lobby and took me into the security office to take my picture for my badge. I was so nervous and I remember the words that he said to me that comforted me. He said don't be nervous or scared you will be alright. Those words made me stand tall and ready for the task that God had placed before me. Without my mother and father at my side to talk to me, I needed those words of encouragement. I will never forget Charles and I thank God for allowing Charles to cross my path in this life. I pray for your family as the service has truly touched me. I Love all of you and I really don't even know you. Your friend forever Joanna Bonner##imported-begin##Joanna Bonner##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ We will miss Charley's smile at work each day. When your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help you find your smile. May God's love fill your heart with Hope, Strength and Peace at this difficult time. With Sympathy,  
John & Debrah Dyer##imported-begin##John & Debrah Dyer##imported-end##

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January 20, 2009 at 09:29 AM



“ Love You Cuz! I will miss you so much.##imported-begin##Pam Terry##imported-end##

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January 20, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ You have my deepest sympathy and you are in prayers. My God be you.  
  
Marcia Williams##imported-begin##Marcia Williams##imported-end##

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January 20, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ My heart goes out to you and your love ones at your time of grief. Charles was a wonderful and caring person that I had the honor of working with for many years. May you find peace an comfort in your memories of Charles.  
God Bless you.  
Charline##imported-begin##Charline Gray-Jackson##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ To the family of Charlie Sykes. My deepest sympathy for your lost. Charlie was a very warm and kind hearted person. He has helped so many people that it can't go with out saying thank you. He will definitely be missed. Sincerely, Keith C. Hampton, Sr.##imported-begin##Keith C. Hampton, Sr.##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 09:21 AM



“ To Charles' wife, children and extended family, and to all who knew and loved him, I extend my deepest condolences. Whether you knew him as Tony, Chuck or Charles, he was a source of fun and laughter to all. I still smile everytime I think of him loading up his parents Winnebago with friends and how we cruised Belle Isle for fun. And, at how we showed up at the Passmores every Sunday after church in that unforgettable "Pucci" edition Lincoln Continental Mark IV about the time Aunt Beadie's fried okra was ready. Charles' devotion to his friends was only exceeded by his love of family. He was equally proud and protective of his sisters, Nita and Cassie. I am certain that he was even more boastful of his wife and children. And though my memories are stuck in a time warp as it's been more than 30 years since our paths last crossed, my affection for him continues. May the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard your hearts and minds, and may you find comfort in treasured experiences that will never leave you. Marqueta Welton##imported-begin##Marqueta (Johnson) Welton##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family in your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Carol Henderson##imported-end##

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January 18, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ Charlie you were the first person I met when I came to the CHR two years ago. Not knowing anyone one there I felt welcomed by you. I will remember you by your cheerful smile and trusting persona. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##linden (rin) moore##imported-end##

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January 18, 2009 at 09:38 PM



“ To the Sykes Family: Through these troubling times, I want to express my deepest sympathy. Working at the CHR, Charlie always greeted you with a smile that would brighten any room. Heaven will truly be protected with Charlie around. He will be missed tremendously.##imported-begin##Carla McKinney##imported-end##

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January 18, 2009 at 04:27 PM



“ I just can't believe that you won't be sitting at you desk when I come in the door each morning. words can not describe what a shock I was to hear that you were gone. You became big brother I never had and I thank you for all you did when I broke my leg calling me every day to see if I needed anything.

Janey-pooh##imported-begin##Janet Bender##imported-end##

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January 18, 2009 at 01:07 PM



“ To the Sykes family,

*My heart is filled with sadness due to your loss. Tony will be missed and never forgotten. My prayers are with the family in your time of need.##imported-begin##Nina Byrd ##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2009 at 08:01 PM



“ To the Sykes family: Our hearts go out to you during this time of sorrow. Charley was a very kind person; his smile always took you to a place of upbeat happiness. A person's sadness couldn't exist when Charley's smile was evident and that was often. We at the UAW-GM CHR will miss him, but we know you'll miss him more. We pray that God will comfort you as only He can. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Proverbs 116:15. From Harold and Regina Rogers##imported-begin##Regina McMullen-Rogers##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 04:25 PM



“ It has been years since I have seen Charles, but I have thought of him frequently. My prayers are with his family.

*Sylvan Gardner-Settle  
CT 77##imported-begin##Sylvan Gardner-Settle##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ *To the Sykes Family:  
My Prayers are with you at this time. May God keep you and receive Charlie with open arms. Charlie was such a great friend and colleague.*

*Linda McLaughlin  
Orlando, FL##imported-begin##Linda McLaughlin##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ *To the entire Sykes family, you have my deepest heartfelt sympathy on your loss. He was a true friend.*

*Kurt CT'76  
UAW-GM (Ret)##imported-begin##Kurt Brown##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 02:36 PM



“ *Although your light has been taken from us, the Love that you felt for us and gave of freely will never diminish. God's Peace be with our family now and always.##imported-begin##Aaron Passmore Family##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 12:49 PM



“ *I extend my sincere condolence and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Rufus (rip) Graham##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ To the Sykes Family,  
May the Lord Bless and Comfort you. Chuck will always be  
remembered. (CT-77)##imported-begin##Rosie Hall-  
Thomas##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 11:37 AM



“ I send my warmest thoughts and prayers to the family and close  
friends of Charlie. He was such a wonderful, thoughtful, kind and  
caring person. The world will revolve a little slower without  
him.##imported-begin##Winnie Kidd##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ Our prayers & thoughts or with the family. Just keep the faith God is  
able to see u threw in times like these.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.##imported-  
begin##kenneth & sandra Greenwade##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 09:55 AM



“ We will truly miss Charley - his smile - kind hello - and being part of  
our team in Administration. Praying for the family - for God's grace  
and peace to carry them through this period of grief.##imported-  
begin##Dianne Woods##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Charley was a great man with an enfectious smile always quick to say hello and chat with me. I worked with charley as he was the head of security for our building. Their wont be a day that goes by that i will not walk by charley's office and think of him. I know Charly is with God now he will be missed.

sincerely Yours,  
Sarah Maliszewski##imported-begin##Sarah  
Maliszewski##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 08:18 AM



“ To the family of Tony Sykes.

There are so many fond memories of Tony growing up in Delray as a Teenager, but the one fondest memory that stood out the most is: We were on our way on a field trip to Stoney Creek and Tony was acting so silly singing R A D I O in his barritone voice which brought us laughter, joy and comfort. I will always remember him from that memory! Rest in peace Tony you will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Verita Fenderson##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 11:28 PM



“ To the Sykes Family:

*I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Charles. From high school to the present, he was always a happy, pleasant, optimistic person. The last time I saw him he happily mentioned his youngest child. May he enjoy his new heavenly home and be at peace.*

*Gina L. Moorman###imported-begin##Gina L. Moorman###imported-end##*

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January 15, 2009 at 10:26 PM



“ *"The Measure Of A Man" Not how he die? But how did he live, Not what did he gain? But what did he give. These are the merits to measure the worth of a man as a man regardless of birth. Not what was station, but has he a heart, and how did he play his God-given part. Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer? To bring a smile, to banish a tear? Not what was his church? Nor, what was his creed? But has he befriended those really in need? Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, but how many were sorry when he passed away?###imported-begin##Elizabeth Carter & Murphy Family###imported-end##*

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January 15, 2009 at 09:57 PM



“ To all the family I send my deepest regards to you. I've known Charlie (Chuck) since I have been working at the CHR. He was always friendly and had a big smile, which I will always remember. I always enjoyed talking with him and sharing stories. He was very proud of his family. I had a chance to meet many of you at the 4th of July celebration last year. Chuck will always be in my heart & prayers. I will miss him deeply. God bless you and comfort you in this time of grief. Be assured he is with God and watching over you. My sincerest regrets. Dennis Karczynski##imported-begin##Dennis Karczynski##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 06:33 PM



“ The Sykes family must be pretty special, because Charlie was one incredible man. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to know such a class guy. Please make sure the kids learn what a caring and happy dad they had. May God's peace and comfort bless you in your healing.##imported-begin##Terry Davis##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 05:38 PM



“ To the Sykes Family,  
I am sorry about your loss of Charles. I had not seen Charles for about 25 years until we ran into each other at a Detroit Pistons game last year. The first thing that I saw was his big smile. It was the just like we were at Cass Tech roaming the halls. He will truly be missed. Class of 1976##imported-begin##Darnell Mitchell##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ My prayers are with the family of Charley Sykes. His aura and smile were so beautiful you couldn't help but want to be around him. It is truly a blessing knowing him###imported-begin##Shelley Samuels###imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 02:19 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Sykes Family. "Chuck" displayed a gentleness and kindness that always managed to calm the rough waters. Although he has left this earthly existence, his influence, memories and love shall forever live in each of you. Take great pride in claiming him as your own.

Cass Technical High School, Class of 1977###imported-begin##Karen Clemmons-Lloyd###imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Frieda Bentley-Robinson###imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 12:54 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with this wife and family. I am a member of the class of 77 at Cass Tech. I remember Charles very well!###imported-begin##Patricia Rudolph###imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 12:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Tony's family and especially his children. The loss of such a wonderful human being is felt throughout the CHR and everyone he has touched with his laughter and kind heart. Tony always talked about his children and family, saying you were everything--my heart goes out to all of you. You are in my prayers. Kelly Walsh & Family##imported-begin##Kelly Walsh & Family##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 10:30 AM



“ I am really sorry to hear about your loss. Charles was a great guy. He made you smile all the time, he was never in a bad mood. I am the Receptionist at the UAW-GM Center (CHR) I saw Charles everyday because his office was right by me. I used to make him laugh all the time. I used to call him Charles in Charge! Charles will be greatly missed by his family and many friends he made at the CHR! If you have faith you will see Charles again. May God help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Shannan McDonald##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ To the Family,

*I remember "Chuck" (as we called him) as a fun and loving person. The days that I spent with him at Cass Tech High School (Class of '77) were the best. Chuck brought so much laughter, kindness, and overall spirit. His personality was radiant.*

*I had the pleasure of reuniting with Chuck in recent years as a frequent member of the CT'77 lunch/dinner group. His character remained the same, and he made me feel like time had never passed between us.*

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 TNIV*

*Sincerely,*

*Sherry Childs Quinn##imported-begin##Sherry Childs  
Quinn##imported-end##*

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January 15, 2009 at 09:45 AM



“ *My prayers are with Chuck's family and friends. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Liz Nightingale##imported-end##*

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January 15, 2009 at 09:30 AM



“ Knowing Chuck from high school (CT C/O '77) all I know for sure is his humor was infectious. He had a smile that lit up his face as well as those of the people around him. He will be missed but know we all are better people for having known him.##imported-begin##Desiree Hopkins Fordham##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 09:18 AM



“ To the family of Charles Sykes: I am sorrowful at the passing of such an energetic and helpful person. We were classmates at Cass Tech (C/O '77). Charles was the protector for all the 'freshies' from Southwest Detroit during our 1st year riding the bus, learning how to navigate downtown Detroit, etc. I appreciate and will miss him!##imported-begin##Kathy Richard Williams##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 08:16 AM

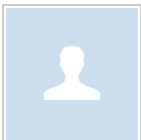


“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Charles. I haven't seen him personally since graduation 1977, however, I'll never forget (as I'm sure you won't either) his very distinctive smile and walk.

Sincerely,  
Zondra (Bradley) Rhim##imported-begin##Zondra (Bradley)  
Rhim##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 06:51 AM



“ To the family,

My prayers are with the family. Tony will be missed.--  
William##imported-begin##William D. Byrd##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 10:01 PM



“ To the family of Charles Sykes,

*I would like to express my deepest condolences for your loss. Charles was always a big presence in more ways than one and will be truly missed, especially by the CTLB group.*

*Sincerely,*

*Terri Coleman-Sutton/77 CTLB##imported-begin##Terri Coleman-Sutton##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 09:43 PM



“ On behalf of the Toler family, we extend our condolence and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Sam Toler##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 09:01 PM



“ Chuck,  
*Your laughter and humor will be greatly missed and talked about forever. Your love and thoughtfulness forever felt by your friends and family.*

*Much love and prayers to the Sykes family.##imported-begin##Chita Hunter##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 08:21 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Charley was a great person who was loved by everyone at UAW-GM. He was a good friend. I will miss Charley and his smile even though I have retired from UAW-GM CHR. We have talked on may occasion after my retirement. tHe will be in my prayers every Sunday.##imported-begin##Terry McCarthy##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 07:50 PM



“ To the grieving family, we share the pain of your loss. We will carry our treasured memories of Tony in our hearts for the rest of our lives. It is our prayer that your precious memories of Tony will help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Florine and Willie Byrd and the Byrd family##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ To the Sykes family, My heart goes out to you at such a difficult time. Tony was a great man and will be greatly missed. The Sykes family will remain in my prayers.##imported-begin##Karen Byrd##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ To the Sykes family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Tony was a very special part of our family. He will be deeply, deeply missed. Be strong.  
Felicia (Byrd) Reid and Family.##imported-begin##The Reid Family##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 05:47 PM



“ My heart goes out to you and your family during the loss of your beloved Charlie. Our CHR family can surely testify to the greatness of the person you have lost. Charlie was a very kind and caring person and would do anything to help anyone. He will surely be missed. I hope your family can find comfort during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Suzette Jewell##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 05:24 PM



“ My condolences to the Sykes family on the loss of your dear Charles. Your loved one was a wonderful gentleman and greatly respected and appreciated in our work place. He was always friendly and helpful and he will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharri R. Phillips##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 04:05 PM



“ Our world is missing a smiling star today because of the unthinkable departure of Charlie. Charlie always had a smile and was known for teasing others to lift their spirits or just because; you couldn't have a bad day if Charlie was around. To the Sykes Family: My prayer is that you be given the strength to deal with your great loss.##imported-begin##Joan Bryant##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ *Losing a loved one in death is a very difficult and painful experience. May the family find comfort in the love and support of family and friend and may you find comfort in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ found at John 5:28 "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment." I offer Tony's family my condolences and I'll keep you in my prayers. May the pain you experience soon turn to pleasant memories of your beloved one.*

*Yolanda Smith (Babygail)##imported-begin##Yolanda Smith##imported-end##*

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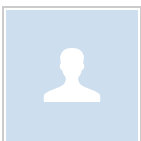
January 14, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ *We offer our paryers to the family at you time of lost. Word could never express the pain that you feel at time as these but know that whatever life bring your way God is there with you and he will bare your load.##imported-begin##Paul & Cristela Mitchell##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 02:29 PM



“ *May our Lord Jesus Christ provide you and your family comfort during your time of great sorrow.*

*The UAW-GM CHR family will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Geraldine Graves##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 02:06 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Charles' Family. After all of the tears, may your memories bring laughter and joy to you. I wish God's continued love and mercies to the Sykes Family. Love and blessings, Roz Worthy (CT-77)###imported-begin###Rosalind V. Worthy###imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ *To the Sykes family,  
Please know that you all are in my family's prayers. Tony Will Be Missed! God Bless You All.###imported-begin###Linda (Byrd) Dackery &Family###imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ *To the family of Tony Sykes*

*I am deeply saddened by the loss of your loved one, but I'm sure not as heartbroken as you all are. I will continue to pray for your comfort and peace in your time of sorrow. Know that God will keep you in Perfect Peace and that Tony is resting in the arms of his Heavenly Father.*

*Love Doll (Darlene Henderson)and family###imported-begin###Darlene Henderson###imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 12:38 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very difficult time. I've gotten to know Charley over the past two years that I've worked at the CHR and I will miss him greatly. He always had a smile and kind words for anyone throughout the day. His life touched so many here at the CHR and we miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Steve Laurin##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 12:15 PM



“ My wife and i were very sorry to hear the news about charles.my wife name is (Janice Pace) who lived at 739 SO. Green ST. for many years next door to the family. charles will be greatly missed by everyone at the CHR.##imported-begin##donald steele##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ Charles will be greatly missed. God bless to the Sykes Family. Piston's will miss one of there best fans!##imported-begin##Joe Grubba##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 12:07 PM



“ I extend my condolence and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Bob Carulli##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 11:45 AM



“ On behalf of the Wilson family, we extend our condolence and prayers to the family. Charles was a wonderful person who always greeted you with that big smile, we will surely miss him.##imported-begin##Michael Wilson##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Please accept my family's deepest condolences for your loss.

Charley was a great friend to me. We met on the job but very soon developed a marvelous relationship which was so easy to do with Brother Sykes.

He was always there for me and I will truly miss my golf buddy.

Our thoughts and prayers are for your family.

The Robb Rowe Family##imported-begin##robb rowe##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 11:09 AM



“ Our Technician Family just lost another soldier, we just talked about spending a few days digging up some grass (aka golf) and spending some of our mega million jackpot. Brother you will be missed. God Bless to the family and remember you will see him again if you have faith##imported-begin##Michael Varner##imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 11:04 AM



“ To the Sykes Family--

*I'm so very sorry for your loss--Tony was a wonderful person!  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*May God bless and comfort you through the hard times.*

*Delphine Byrd "Newbee"##imported-begin##Delphine  
Byrd##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2009 at 10:59 AM