



## Donald V. Sykes

October 11, 1944 - March 26, 2018

Donald Vernon Sykes, 73, of Baldwinsville went to be with his heavenly father on Monday, March 26, 2018. Donald was born in Gouverneur, NY on October 11, 1944 to the late Milton "John" and Edna (Hurley) Sykes. He grew up in the Fine, NY area and attended Clifton-Fine Central in Star Lake. After graduating in 1963, he enlisted in the Air Force as a nuclear weapons specialist then in 1966 he graduated from the joint-service Explosive Ordinance Disposal School in Indian Head, MD. He saw overseas duty in Germany, Taiwan, Korea, Quebec, and Alaska as well as stateside service in MA, NY, NM, MI and WA. He retired in 1990 as a CMSgt. He then worked for several years at a senior apt. complex in Keeseville, NY before moving to Baldwinsville. He enjoyed hunting and serving his Lord. He served not only his church, but also the Upstate NY District Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife Irene whom he married in 1969 in Frankfurt, Germany. His daughter Tonya (Darryl) of Baldwinsville; his five grandchildren; Hanna, Emmie, Adianna, Mirijam, and Noah; his brother Claude (Christine) of Baldwinsville; a sister Judy (Phillip) Maybee of Ortonville, MI; half-sister Carol Ciulla of Ronhonkoma, NY; several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, March 31st from 10 to 11:30 am followed by a service at 11:30 am at Christ Community Church, 3644 Warners Road, Syracuse. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Fine, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Upstate NY District Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 258, Clay, NY 13041. This donation will support missions in the area that were important to Don.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Christ Community Church  
3644 Warners Road  
Syracuse, NY 13209  
(315) 468-3500  
office.cccsyracuse@gmail.com  
<http://www.cccsyracuse.org>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Judy, Phil, and Claud, I am very sorry to hear about Vernon. I remember so well all our "good old years" growing up in Fine. Going to Youth Fellowship, Sunday School. Blueberry picking up back of your home. And lots of memories of Vernon thru our years at Clifton Fine together. And our last time the class was a unit in 1963.

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**Joy Brown** - March 31, 2018 at 11:36 AM

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“ Time passes quickly like the wind on your cheek so it is important to spend time with family and remember the bonds that we have with each other all though Vernon is older than me and I am a younger cousin he treated me like a younger brother him and Claude would raz me when I was younger and I enjoyed the attention but he always treated all of us with respect and kindness I will share the bond I had with him and the family values he had for everyone family and it is and was important to Vernon and his family so what we all can do is show everyday one act of kindness to everyone in his memory God Bless with my love your cousin Steven

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**Steven Pryce** - March 28, 2018 at 05:36 PM

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“ Kathy Corleu lit a candle in memory of Donald V. Sykes



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**Kathy Corleu** - March 27, 2018 at 06:38 PM



*My heart and prayers go out to the whole family at this sad time!*

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**Kathy Corleu** - March 27, 2018 at 06:39 PM