



# William H. Sykes Jr.

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## **William H. Sykes Jr.**

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**W**illiam H. Sykes Jr., age 95, of Algonac, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2025.

He was born on January 20, 1930 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late William Sr. and Villa Sykes.

Bill married JoAnn Schneider on June 27, 1953, who preceded him in death on March 30, 2021.

In 1948 Bill joined the United States Air Force. Where he proudly served his country as a flight engineer in the Military Airlift Command during the Cold War, Korea, and Vietnam.

He spent much of his career in Iceland, Cuba, or the Baltic Sea.

Bill retired as a senior master sergeant in 1990, after serving 42 years on active and reserve duty. Following his time in the Air Force, Bill worked as a school bus driver for East China School District and Algonac. All the kids referred to him as Mr. B.

Bill was always keeping busy. He was a member of Our Lady on the River Parish, serving as a third-degree Knights of Columbus member. He was an active member of the VFW post 7573, New Baltimore. Bill served as president of the Amvets. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

In his spare time, Bill enjoyed camping, boating, and he cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Deborah Wlash, Linda (Doug) Berry, Denise (Robert) Hertzberg, Dale (Deborah) Sykes, Guy (Bonnie) Sykes, Ronald (Michele) Sykes; 19 grandchildren, 23, great



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grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren; sister, Harriet Sykes- Keuter, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his siblings, Brooke Norris Sykes, Roger Andrew Sykes; son in law, Robert J. Wlash.

A funeral mass will be on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, October 20th from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Visitation will also be on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. prior to mass at church.

A rosary will be recited on Monday at 7:00 p.m. Interment and military honors will take place at St. Marys' Catholic Cemetery, St. Clair, immediately following mass.




Memorials are suggested to the wishes of the family. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)

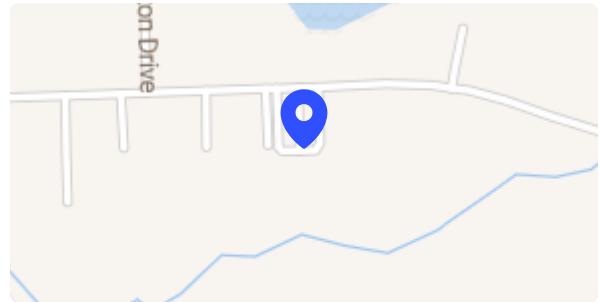


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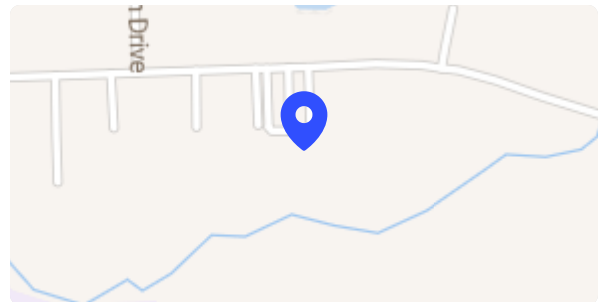
## Visitation

-  **Sunday**, October 19, 2025
-  3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054






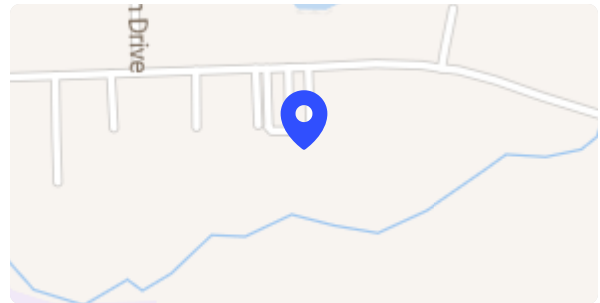
## Visitation

-  **Monday**, October 20, 2025
-  3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
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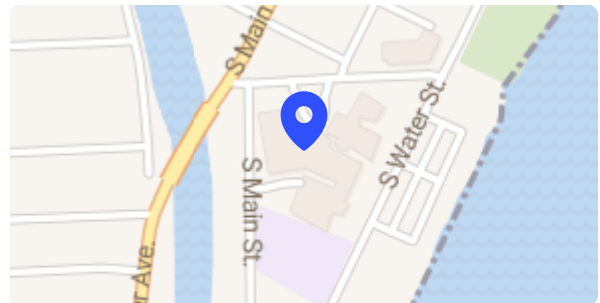
## Rosary

-  **Monday**, October 20, 2025
-  7:00 PM - 7:20 PM ET
-  **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



## Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, October 21, 2025
-  9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ET
-  **Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**  
610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039





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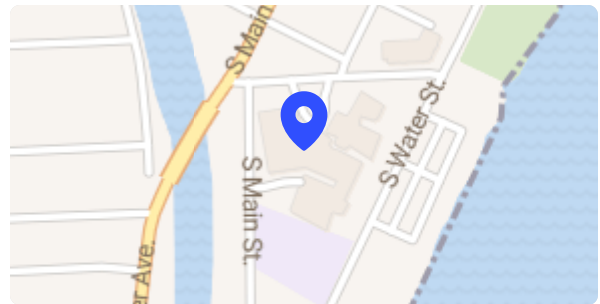
## Mass

**Tuesday**, October 21, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**

610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



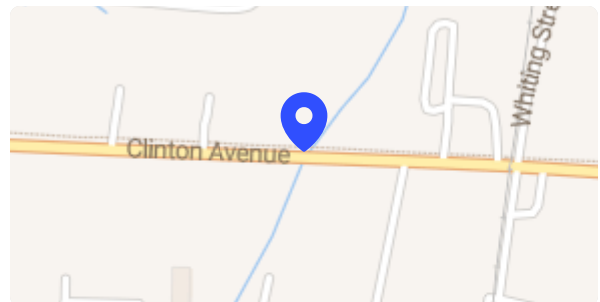
## Military Honors

**Tuesday**, October 21, 2025

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM ET

**St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

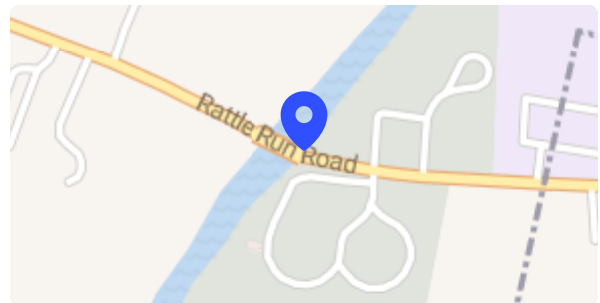
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI



## Cemetery Details

**St. Mary's Cemetery**

2700 Rattle Run Rd., St. Clair MI 48079





## Tribute Wall

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BF

**Brooke & Gail Sykes And Our Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sykes Jr. family.

October 20 at 10:05 AM



BF

**Brooke & Gail Sykes And Our Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

October 20 at 10:05 AM



CR

**Carol Reuter** posted:

It's hard to say goodbye to such a wonderful friend and neighbor. Bill had a gift for making people laugh and for turning the simplest moment into a great story. I'll miss the conversations, the laughter, and the easy kindness he shared so freely. Rest easy, my friend — the neighborhood won't be the same without you. We love you, Pete and Carol

October 19 at 9:49 AM

LK

**Love, Nr, Jd, Stj, Cp, Ms, Ls, Kc, Pac** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sykes Jr. family.

October 19 at 6:57 AM



CF

**Campa Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Sykes Jr. family.

October 18 at 6:27 PM





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**Kay Braun** posted:

My sincere condolences to Debbie and the family. I am truly sorry for your loss, Bill was a gem! A few of us ladies meet for lunch each month his daughter Debbie included. And on many occasions Bill would call Deb while at lunch and we would have a quick conversation with him. He was such a delightful man, always wearing a smile! He will be missed as he enters the heavens with his angel wings soaring! 🙏

October 17 at 4:18 AM



. sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Sykes Jr. family.



October 14 at 12:38 PM



. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



October 14 at 12:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Sykes Jr. family.



October 14 at 11:36 AM



**Raquel & Jose Cortes** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



October 14 at 11:36 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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