



Billy B. Sykes

February 26, 1966 - September 3, 2023

Billy Blake Sykes was born in Dallas, TX on February 26, 1966, and passed away in Chatfield, TX on September 3, 2023. Growing up in Dallas, Billy cultivated his love for playing soccer, German Shepherds, and dirt track racing. He also enjoyed weekends in the country in Chatfield, where his grandparents lived. He and his parents moved to Chatfield in 1980 and he attended Blooming Grove High School where he was active in football, basketball, tennis, and FFA. After high school, he attended Navarro College and the University of North Texas. Upon graduation, he began a career with Liberty Mutual Insurance in Corsicana. During this time, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Mathison Sykes. In 1993, he took a promotion and they moved to Gainesville, Georgia where they spent almost 15 years. While there, they made great friends, enjoyed water skiing, and hung out with neighbors on the lake each weekend. During this time, his dad passed away and his mom moved out to be with them. Billy and Nancy welcomed their son, Blake while there and they enjoyed spending their Saturdays at the soccer field. In 2007, his department closed, and they decided to move back home to Chatfield, Texas. He began following Navarro College sports again, thanks to his dear friend, Kevin Stephens, and was at most football, basketball, and soccer games. He became a band parent after his son learned to play the trumpet. He was very proud of him and was at most every game and concert performed by him. Billy could always be found outside fishing, hunting, or mowing. He began mowing yards for people in the community and almost

everyone in Chatfield knew and loved him. They recognized his blue truck with his German Shepherd in the back and his John Deere lawn mower that he rode around the community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buford Ballard and Martha Ruth Sands Sykes; brother, Randy Sykes; his Aunt Fabris "Punkin" Bryant, Uncle Kenneth "Kenny" Bryant, Cousin Jeff Bryant, and his German Shepherds, Charlie, KJ, Duke, Bennett and Zena.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Mathison Sykes, son Blake Brandon Sykes, German Shepherd Bovy, Grand dog Ruger, Sister Becky Lynn Sykes, Cousin Kenneth & Jacqueline Sands and Sandi, Cousin Debbie & Steve Foster and kids, McDowell Family cousins, Sister and Brother-in-laws Sharon & Gary Watkins, Debra & Paul Goyne, Tim & Tiffany Mathison, and countless more family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 6 from 6-8 PM and services will be on Thursday, September 7 at 10 AM. Both held at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana, Texas. A graveside service will follow at the New Chatfield Cemetery in Chatfield, TX.

Memorial video link below

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/5QJCXDP4LQXTMX7T>

Cemetery Details

New Chatfield Cemetery

5001 FM 1603
Chatfield, TX 75105

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy B. Sykes*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Billy's passing and your loss.
I smile when I recall Griffin Drive, road kill and Billy with my new
very sharp knives.
My thoughts and prayers are with you, Nancy and Blake during this
terribly difficult time.*

Tim Fleming - September 08, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Ginger and the girls



Ginger Bryant - September 07, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Billy B. Sykes.*



September 06, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 06, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 06, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 06, 2023 at 10:36 AM



Billy's video memorial is beautiful. So sad that he is gone, and way too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Nancy and Blake during this terribly difficult time. Love, Bill and Joyce Anthony

Bill Anthony - September 06, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.*



September 06, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *SO very sorry for your loss, Nancy & Blake! I will always remember Billy coming to the post office in his old blue truck, with his faithful & beautiful German Shepherd in the back! It was always nice to visit with Billy! He will be greatly missed indeed! Bear hugs & prayers to both of you, Nancy & Blake!!!*

judy parten - September 05, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ *Cindy Shelton lit a candle in memory of Billy Sykes*



Cindy Shelton - September 05, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.*



September 05, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy B. Sykes.

September 05, 2023 at 09:28 PM



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Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy B. Sykes.

September 05, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy B. Sykes.

September 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Blue and White Mum (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.



September 05, 2023 at 10:36 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences. I am praying for Billy's family and friends. May God give you comfort.* ”



Sandra Robinson - September 04, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy B. Sykes.* ”



September 04, 2023 at 07:22 PM

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“ *While there are no words to express our sorrow, we are sending you love and prayers to sustain you during this time.* ”



Jacky & Susan Mitchell - September 04, 2023 at 06:58 PM