



James Keith Sykes

November 7, 1960 - April 13, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of James Keith Sykes, who left us on April 13, 2026, at the age of 65.

Keith was born on November 7, 1960, and lived a life marked by dedication, quiet strength, and deep love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother, as well as a loyal friend, whose greatest joy came from the people he loved.

Keith proudly served the community as a Corsicana Police Officer for over 25 years. Throughout his years in law enforcement, he was known for his commitment, integrity, and steady presence. After retiring from the police department, he continued to serve others in a different way, working for Brookshire's as the Express Manager for 10 years, where he built lasting relationships with coworkers and customers alike.

Outside of his work, Keith found joy in the simple things. He was a devoted Dallas Cowboy and NASCAR fan, a passion that began early in life and was shared closely with his sister, Karen. Their bond was one of lifelong connection—rooted in family, shared memories, and the kind of understanding only siblings can have. Whether cheering on the Cowboys or watching a race, those moments together were especially meaningful to him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra K. Sykes; his son, Drew Sykes; his cherished grandchildren, Kade Sykes, Auden Sykes, Natalie Troutman, Austin Troutman, Reagan Troutman and Elliott Troutman, his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Charles Fincher; and his stepsons, Chris and Jeffrey Troutman. He also leaves behind many extended family members and friends who will miss him deeply.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lorene Sykes.

Those who knew Keith will remember him for his steady nature, his kindness, and the way he showed up for the people in his life. Whether through quiet moments or shared laughter, he made those around him feel valued and loved. His legacy lives on in the memories he created and the family he held so close to his heart.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton. A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., also at Griffin-Roughton. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sincere condolences from the Class of 79. Prayers for all of the family.

Susanna Williams - April 19 at 10:11 AM

KB

“ Kathie Beard lit a candle in memory of James Keith Sykes



Kathie Beard - April 18 at 04:41 PM

PJ

“ So sorry for this family's loss I have known him for a long time. Prayers going up to you all!!!



Peggy Jordan - April 17 at 10:14 PM

CA

“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of James Keith Sykes



Cordelia Albritton - April 16 at 05:15 PM

TR

“ Tim Roop lit a candle in memory of James Keith Sykes



Tim Roop - April 16 at 10:59 AM

DJ

“ Donna and Judy purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of James Keith Sykes.



Donna and Judy - April 15 at 06:15 PM

DJ

“ Donna and Judy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Keith Sykes.

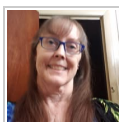
Donna and Judy - April 15 at 06:15 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Keith's passing he was a good friend to us. Jerry and Keith worked together at the P.D for 25 years. He will be dearly missed. Jerry and Rose Putman



Jerry Putman - April 15 at 02:12 PM



Sorry to hear of Keith's passing. Praying for his family during this time.

Donna Whittenburg - April 15 at 10:29 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. I went to school with Keith. May God hold you and protect you.



Jane Farmer - April 15 at 10:46 AM

KR

“ I've known Keith since the 70s. Keith was a very kind person.

*Though my classmate and friend may have gone from this world.
Keith will never be forgotten in our hearts.*

RIP Keith

kathy Bassham Robinsn - April 14 at 01:38 PM