



## Arthur Sykes

April 27, 1936 - May 21, 2017

Arthur E. Sykes Jr. Arthur (Art) E. Sykes Jr. was a 1954 graduate of Wadsworth High School. Art lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, and was a member of the National Honor society, choir, Glee Club, and Barbershop Quartet. He was a member of the 1954 WHS baseball team that was inducted into the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. Art was a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. At BGSU he played football and baseball, was treasurer of his fraternity and first Afro-American Air Force ROTC graduate. After military service, Art worked with the Defense Department and with the Social Security Administration. Post graduate work in business-public administration was completed at the University of Akron, Governors State University (Illinois) and Kansas State University. Art has been an outstanding Afro-American pioneer in social, business, and academic areas. Hired by Jos. T. Ryerson Steel CO. in 1965, Art had an 18 year career in production management. A feature article, "Hard Hat Boss" in May 1973 issue of Ebony Magazine, recognized Art as the first Afro-American steel plant superintendent in America. He began a new career in college facilities management in 1982 working at The College of DuPage (Illinois), Kansas State University, Peralta Community College District (Oakland, CA), From 1991-1995 Art served as the Associate Superintendent of Schools of the Kansas City Missouri School district, responsible for maintenance, operations, security, and engineering. And Art, served as Director of College Facilities Management with Eastfield College in Mesquite

Texas from 1997 until retirement in 2014. Art played baseball in the NEMONT independent Baseball League and also in the Midwest Pro Baseball League. He had a great sports officiating career, in 1965 he helped establish the Metropolitan Officials Association of Chicago. He spent 30 years as a high school and college basketball and baseball official. Art served 5 years on the United Methodist North Texas Conference Board of Directors. Art is survived by his son, Arthur III and his daughter Alyse (Sykes) Seals

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am short on words to describe my love and true admiration for this remarkable man. You get to call him "dad" and I am also lucky to to call him "friend". I will miss him forever and will be forever grateful that he was part of our lives. I wish God's blessings to each and everyone of you. I wish you peace.

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**Patty McNabb** - June 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Art and I worked together on a variety of projects with Dallas County Community College District. He was great guy and kind gentleman.

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**Charyl McAfee Duncan** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Alyse and Arthur (Gene):Artie, was a wonderful and kind man who was able to achieve a lot in his lifetime. He loved you both dearly and unconditional. There was nothing he wouldn't do for either one of you. He fought a good fight and most importantly, Artie, knew how much the both of you all loved him and cared for him. Alyse and Gene you all did well, in taking care of your father in his time of illness. May the comfort of God be with you both and I will always keep you all in my prayers Love always,Sandi Sykes

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**Sandi Stovall (Sykes)** - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gene and Alyse,My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. May the Lord comfort you all during this time.Chondra

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**Chondra Stovall** - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with Art and his family. I played Baseball with Art in highschool and after he was a Great guy and my friend He will be missed. Pete Gardner THE VILLAGES fL*

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**pete gardner** - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Alyse and Family:Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Your family is at peace now. His love for you will always be in your hearts and the memories of him will be everlasting.*

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**Anthony and Shelia Boyd** - May 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM