



Richard B. Sykes

May 1, 1951 - March 29, 2017

Richard B. Sykes, 65, of Sayre, PA passed away Wednesday afternoon, March 29, 2017 at the Darway Healthcare Center in Forksville, PA. Richard was born in Waterloo, NY on May 1, 1951, the son of Raymond D. Sykes and Helen E. Sullivan Sykes. As a youth, Richard moved with his family from Geneva, NY to Rome, NY where he graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1970. He continued his education at Morrisville College graduating in 1972 and the Rochester Institute of Technology graduating in 1974. Richard served as manager of Jim Paluzzi's store in Sayre for 22 years and was subsequently employed as a manager and insurance agent for the Combined Insurance Company of New York. Richard was a member of the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre and a former member of St. John's Catholic Church in South Waverly. He was a Past President of the Valley Jaycees and Past Exalted Ruler of Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge No. 1148. Sayre. Richard loved skiing and in earlier years was privileged to ski the highest mountain in Austria, Mt. Grossglockner. He enjoyed volunteering at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, home electronics, working around his home and property and maintaining his swimming pool. His family was paramount in his life, and he will be remembered as a loving husband and father.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Teresa Catarisano Sykes whom he married on July 10, 1983 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in South Waverly, PA, daughter, Alexis Sykes of Sayre and fiancé, Joseph Passarelli of Binghamton, NY, sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Albert Krenitsky of

Victor, NY, mother-in-law, Lina Catarisano of Waverly, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Francesco "Frank" and Linda Catarisano of Queens, NY, nieces, Kristen Rusho and husband Doug of Fairport, NY, Ariana Catarisano of Manhattan, NY, nephew, Francesco Catarisano II. of Queens, NY, and great nieces, Hannah and Brynn Rusho.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his father-in-law, Dominic Catarisano.

The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre. The Sayre Elks Lodge will hold a Service of Remembrance Sunday afternoon at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, April 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, South Elmer Ave. Sayre with Rev. Vincent Langan as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. James Cemetery, Waverly, NY.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to a charity or organization of one's choice in Richard B. Sykes memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street
Waverly, NY 14892

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



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October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



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“ *Our most sincere condolences go out to Richard's family. He was a kind, gentle man who was a friend to all and a stalwart member of the community. Richard will be sorely missed by not only his loved ones but also by his friends and neighbors. May he rest in peace.*

Stephen and Julia Tubbs

Stephen Tubbs - April 04, 2017 at 09:16 AM