



## Mrs. Susan M. Sykes

January 10, 1958 - February 17, 2016

Susan M. Sykes

Loving Wife, Mother, and Adoring Grandy

LOWELL—Susan Mary (Fitzsimmons) Sykes, the beloved wife of Darren H. Sykes, passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at her home, surrounded by all of the people she loved.

Susan was born in Lowell on January 10, 1958, a daughter of James and Theresa (Dube) Fitzsimmons of Lowell who survive her. Sue attended Lowell Schools and was a graduate of Lowell High School. She furthered her education at the University of Lowell and Middlesex where she earned her Early Childhood Teaching Certification.

For nearly 30 years Mrs. Sykes taught pre-school, nurturing and loving hundreds of children throughout the years. Her employment was a true vocation, evident to her students and their parents who were lucky enough to spend some formative time in her classroom. Her caring nature was the true definition of who she was.

The love she had for her family was second to none. Sue's grandchildren were her greatest joy. Family time meant everything to her. From Disney Vacations to summer days and nights at Cobbetts Pond, Sue was happiest when she was with the people she loved.

Sue is survived by her devoted husband Darren; her loving parents, James and Theresa Fitzsimmons, her adoring children, Joshua Sykes and his wife

Abigail of Beverly, Bethany Peters and her husband Brian of Lowell, and Jesse Sykes of Lowell; her five treasured grandchildren, Shane, Thomas, Josephine, Amos, and Keira; her sister Karen Ciaccio and her husband Steve of Nashua; her father-in-law, Henry G. Sykes of Lowell; her sisters-in law and brothers-in law, Heather Busa and her husband Wayne of Tewksbury, Holly Sykes, and Laurel Millett and her husband Emmet all of Lowell; also many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mrs. Sykes also leaves her Building Blocks Family and her Lawrence Street Church Family. Sue was the daughter-in-law of the late Beverly M. Sykes, whom she cherished, who passed away in 2012.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE

SYKES—in Lowell, February 17, 2016, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family, Susan M. Sykes, beloved wife of Darren H. Sykes. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on SUNDAY from 2 until 6 PM. Sue's FUNERAL SERVICE will take place on MONDAY MORNING at 10 AM at the LAWRENCE STREET CHURCH. Burial will follow in the Lowell Cemetery.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lowell Cemetery

Lawrence Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
<http://www.lowellcemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
[sean@faymccabe.com](mailto:sean@faymccabe.com)  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence Street Church  
1199 Lawrence Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

FEB **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Lowell Cemetery

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Lowell, MA 01852

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Susan M. Sykes*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sandy (Surprenant) Burke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susan M. Sykes*



**Sandy (Surprenant) Burke** - February 22, 2016 at 02:30 PM



*My condolences to all whose lives she has touched.*

**Sandy (Surprenant) Burke** - February 22, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susan M. Sykes*



**linda** - February 22, 2016 at 08:54 AM

FG

“ *Darren and Family,  
We were sorry to learn of Susan's passing. We are unable to attend  
the wake or service. Please know that we are keeping you in our  
thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Frank and Rita Georges*

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**Frank and Rita Georges** - February 21, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MQ

“ *TO the D. Sykes & J. Fitzimmons Families: Our Deepest Sympathy  
on Your Loss. "May She Rest In Peace." Mt. & Mrs. Donald Quinn*

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**Mr. Don Quinn** - February 20, 2016 at 05:41 PM

DS

“ *Debra Surprenant lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Susan M. Sykes*



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**debra surprenant** - February 20, 2016 at 04:54 PM

RM

“ *My family will be forever blessed that our oldest daughter, Frankie,  
was in Mrs. Sykes' pre-school class last year. Frankie will never  
forget her and the lessons she taught....much more than just letters  
and numbers...but lessons in kindness and friendship. Our prayers  
go out to your family.*

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**Rachel Margaglione** - February 19, 2016 at 07:55 PM

TS

“ Darren and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Tina Stinebiser

tina stinebiser - February 19, 2016 at 05:49 PM

LY

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren Yezback - February 19, 2016 at 05:02 PM

Donna Cassidy

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Donna Cassidy - February 19, 2016 at 03:22 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Donna Cassidy - February 19, 2016 at 03:21 PM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. As a family we have watched Susan embrace our Abigail as one her own children. She will be remembered as a very loving and caring mother and grandmother. We treasure the memories of Susan attending with her mother Abigail's Symphony concerts and delighting in Amos and Josephine. I will always remember watching Josephine in conversation with Susan head to head talking--and I will treasure watching Amos give his big hugs to her. Josh, Bethany, and Jesse are so fortunate to have a such a strong, vibrant, caring mother. She will be deeply missed. May God give peace and strength.

*Rhoda and Paul Carpenter for the Carpenter, Rose, and Harvey Families.*

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**Rhoda Carpenter** - February 19, 2016 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ My heart aches for all of you. As a next door neighbor, I witnessed the love your Mom had for all of you. I know how difficult this is and want to reach out in any way I can. Our neighborhood is close and we will protect and comfort all of you in the days ahead. God bless Susan. She knows what a wonderful family she had and will watch over every activity that each of the grandchildren partake in and enjoy.

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**martha mcguane** - February 19, 2016 at 08:15 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Susan. Our condolences to the family.

*Tom & Judy Machado*

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**judy machado** - February 19, 2016 at 07:29 AM

KD

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs Sykes. She was my daughters first teacher at Building Blocks. She touched so many lives and will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family during this very difficult time.

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**Karen Dumont** - February 19, 2016 at 07:27 AM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear about your mom Bethany. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Cadete family

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**kerry** - February 19, 2016 at 07:14 AM

AD

“ Such a special person! She touched so many lives with her kindness. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Amy Doiron

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**Amy Doiron** - February 19, 2016 at 06:49 AM

MM

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mrs. Sykes passing. My 3 girls were lucky enough to have hear as a teacher. What a wonderful lady! She taught my girls so much. May she rest in peace. I hope wonderful memories bring her family and friends some comfort at this tough time.

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**michelle moriarty** - February 19, 2016 at 06:07 AM

BK

“ Bonnie Kothari lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susan M. Sykes



Bonnie Kothari - February 18, 2016 at 10:12 PM

BK

*She was such a kind woman, and is remembered fondly for her part in the early education of my boys, Rikhav and Hamel Kothari.*

Bonnie Kothari - February 18, 2016 at 10:13 PM

RC

“ Sue taught my three children at the YMCA nursery school, they are now 28, 29 and 31, she was a sweetheart

Rose Carvalho - February 18, 2016 at 08:05 PM

EM

“ I met Sue in 1996 at the preschool where we both worked. She loved to sing with the children, she had a lovely voice. We shared many memories from high school over our lunches together while at the preschool; we sang together with the LHS Alumni Chorus, she graduated a year before me. She always mentioned how funny it was that Darren owned a green house when she had the 'brownest' thumbs! I loved her enthusiasm for the Red Sox and how she had to take the day off so she could watch opening day; how she called Mickey Mouse her boyfriend; her love for good food (we ate out a lot after our teachers' meetings). Gone much too soon, she will be sorely missed. Heaven has another faithful servant by His side.



Emma Morris-Canning - February 18, 2016 at 07:36 PM

MM

“ Sue welcomed me with open arms my first year at Building blocks ..every month she would hand me a folder of ideas and lessons for my class. She embraced me even though I'm a Yankee Fan! Gone to soon...💙 Rest easy!

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**Michele Melendez** - February 18, 2016 at 06:56 PM