

West Ohio Conference - A Call to Prayer

Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:

Steven R. Sykes, age 76, passed away December 17, 2025. Steve was the husband of Rev. Maggie Sykes, who served Troy First (MIV) 2011; Troy First & Christiansburg (MIV) 2012; Casstown-Bethel Charge (MIV) 2013; Concord Englewood (MIV) 2019; and SonRise (WLD) 2023; and is currently serving at Cridersville UMC (WLD). In addition to his wife, Steve is survived by son and daughter-in-law: Christopher and Stacy Sykes of Greenville; daughters: Megan Myers and Beth Anne Myers both of Troy; grandchildren: Alexia (Brad Baker) Sykes of Greenville, Brandon (Fiancé Taylor Harvey) Sykes of Virginia Beach, VA and Asia (Trey Frech) Sykes of Greenville; great granddaughter: Adah Jean Frech and brother: Kerry (Sandy) Sykes of Urbana. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 38 years: Donna Lea (Houchen) Sykes and sister: Tamarra Kuntzman. Steve was a faithful member of SonRise Church. He served as a Pastor with the Troy and Piqua Freewill Baptist Churches and Troy Gospel Tabernacle for a total of 23 years.

Services were held at First UMC in Troy.

[Obituary Link](#), Memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight Dayton.

Condolences can be expressed to the family [here](#).