



Douglas E. Sykes

April 16, 1961 - December 30, 2023

Douglas E. Sykes, age 62, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at his home.

He was born April 16, 1961, in Baytown, TX, a son of Virginia Ann Roberts Brown and the late Jasper Calvin Sykes.

He was an Environmental Health & Safety Professional in the Oil & Gas Field with 45 years of service and a member of First Baptist Church in Paden City, WV.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Jason of GA; father-in-law, Huel Strickland; and a sister-in-law, Terri.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Tammy Sykes; his mother, Virginia Brown of TX; three sons, Justin of LA, Chad of FL, and Joel of GA; a daughter, Audrey of NC; three brothers, Jeff Sykes of LA, James Sykes of MO, and Richard Sykes of TX; 9 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; and his dog, Pheebee.

Services will not be held at this time.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory New Martinsville, WV.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Doug,

Even though I only knew you for a short time, you were one of the kindest people I know with a loving heart for everyone. You always had a smile with a kind word / joke to make the day go easier. You definitely touched the lives of everyone you met. I will definitely miss our times of going out to lunch together and having a good laugh with you my friend. You always gave thanks to God for everything good in your life. You will truly be missed my friend. May you Rest in Peace.



Jason Nagle - January 08, 2024 at 10:53 AM

KM

“ Doug Sykes was a very nice man and the very best company man Tug Hill had . All of us guards he made us feel important in our jobs. He use to tell us we were the back bone for the company. He will be sadly missed. Prayers for his family.

Kimberly Mcilvain - January 05, 2024 at 09:22 PM

LF

“ Linda Hull and the Kuskey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas E. Sykes.

Linda Hull and the Kuskey Family - January 05, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Sykes.*



January 05, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *I was able to get to know Doug on a working relationship. Doug could definitely changed the time in a room. To the family of Doug -- May tender memories soften your grief. May fond recollection bring you relief. And may you find comfort and peace in the thought of the joy that knowing your loved one brought.*

Cass and Samantha Mattison - January 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Mr. Douglas Sykes...What a man you were! We grew really close over the past couple months and I'm going to miss you deeply. Those long conversations we had about family and friends while we trek across Ohio looking for well-pads will be memories etched into my heart for the rest of my life. I'm going to miss our morning hand shakes, awkward side hugs and fist bumps. Man did you know how to light up a room. I couldn't help but smile and sometimes giggle every time you walked into my office bc I just knew something funny was going to come out of your mouth. I promise you, Doug, you will never ever be forgotten. The things you taught me in just the short time we knew each other will be cherished. Rest easy, my friend! We're sure going to miss you.
~ "Handier than a pocket on a tee-shirt"
(My favorite Doug Sykes quote)*

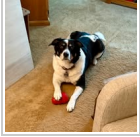
James Noyes - January 05, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DE

“*Doug, it was a great pleasure and honor to work with you the short little time we had. The traditions we made may have ended. Though the memories we made will last forever. The passion you had to teach and speak was contagious. You were a light to many people in their darkest times. Rest easy my friend! You will be severely missed.*



Danny Easley - January 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Doug was a beloved member of our environmental & safety team at Tug Hill for the past several years. Simply stated, he was a special person who made people feel seen and heard, and like a part of a family. Doug was truly an exemplary credit to the EHS profession; as he was always eager to be onsite to mentor, coach, and to lend a hand whenever/wherever needed. Doug was always early to work and frequently filled in for others on weekends and holidays or other times of need. That’s just the way he rolled. And during incidents, Doug could be relied upon to be present, no matter the duration, serving as a key team member to provide support and value-added input drawn from his considerable experience. Other than his love for God, family, southern cooking, and biscuits & gravy, it was clear that Doug loved his work. He derived real joy from interacting with the field crews and he cared deeply for all those he encountered and watched over. His co-workers and peers describe Doug as: a “servant leader”; a “genuine human being that the good Lord placed on this earth”; a “great soul”; the “kindest, nicest person I’ve ever met”; and someone “loved like a brother”. The great comments just go on and on. So, while many of us, former Tug Hill and contractors alike, will miss Doug dearly, the lasting impression of his kind, caring, and graceful spirit, and his ability to find and practice gratitude in every situation, will live on in all of us.

To all reading this, I have set up a GoFundMe page for the benefit of Tammy and Doug's family. You can find the donation page at the following:

<https://gofund.me/a1929327>

With condolences,
Jerry

Jerry DeRosa - January 04, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ Worked many years around doug. He was over us but never acted like it . He never acted better then anyone. Treated everyone great. He was well liked . One of his sayings was don't hide anything from Me and we will fix the problem. Doug will be missed for sure . Really upset me hearing about him. Prayers for the family

Jason masters - January 04, 2024 at 10:09 PM

BS

“ Damn, unc.
I wish things didn't have to happen like they did. Even though we were far apart, the love we have for you, we hold close.



You're going to be missed, but never forgotten.

Much love, Brady&Bo

Brady Sykes - January 04, 2024 at 07:20 PM

EJ

“ To my cousin Doug I remember all the times we went Rabbit hunting together, at Grandma and Papaws place in Delhi with Uncle JC and Uncle Donald. My condolences to your wife and family 🙏

Elbert C Sykes Jr - January 04, 2024 at 06:47 PM

ER

“*Doug was a kind and caring spirit. He consistently put the lives of others before his own. He took me in as one of his own kids and treated me with love, encouragement, and pride. Doug will be deeply missed, but his legacy is strong in the all the people he touched. Whether men in the oil field, or strangers broken down on the side of the road, Doug was always willing to lend a helping hand. He had the biggest heart.*”



Erin - January 04, 2024 at 03:26 PM