



## Tommy Ray Sykes

August 16, 1946 - October 25, 2011

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Age 65 and a resident of Holden, Tommy passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at his residence. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum as a heavy equipment operator. Tommy was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during Vietnam and was a former commander with the American Legion-Springfield Post #258.

Tommy leaves behind his daughter, Angela Kraft and husband Michael, Tonya Nicole Sykes; grandchildren, Hannah and Evan Kraft. He is also survived by his sisters, Helen Prokop Ray and husband Claude, Norma Stewart and husband Joe, Elaine McCullen, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Tommy in death were his parents, Robert B. and Mamie Sykes; grandmothers, Edna Kinchen and Mary Riggs; brothers, E.L. Sykes and Malcolm Sykes; nephews, Jeffrey, Gregory and Earl Sykes.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home chapel on Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and again on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until the funeral service time.

Rev. W.R. Johnson will officiate the services, assisted by Rev. Colin McClendon and interment will follow in Sykes Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Michael Kraft, Evan Kraft, Randy McCullen, Joshua Wright, Kevin Blount, Michael Prokop, Malcolm Sykes and Brandon Sykes.

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sykes family  
We were sorry to read of Tommy Ray's death. We have enjoyed visiting with him and all of you over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Huey and Susan Hoover##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 03:28 PM



“ Uncle Tommy, we have so many wonderful memories and times with family we shared. You will be greatly missed by so many. love, Malcolm, Michelle, Shelbi & Shayna##imported-begin##malcolm & michelle sykes##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gordon Anderson##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 11:27 AM



“ I worked w/Tommy 10 years at Kaiser and had lots of fun and good memories together although I havent seen him in 30 years. I considered him a good friend and looked up to him. Im sorry for his lost...Mule##imported-begin##david cashio##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ *Angela & Fammily*

*I am so sorry to hear about Tommy Ray. We have all been friends for so many years it seems like all of you are our family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.##imported-begin##Alice Galladora Martina##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 10:49 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Tommy Ray. He was a great friend to us and had so many good times with him. Our prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Diane & Paul Richardson##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:32 AM