



## Mildred Lucile Sykes

February 3, 1923 - December 4, 2020

Mildred Reams Sykes, 97, of Aiken, SC, passed away at Pepper Hill Nursing and Rehab Center in Aiken, SC on December 4, 2020. Mildred was born February 3, 1923 in Homestead, Florida. She was the oldest of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Reams, Sr. Mildred was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gossman, first pioneer family of Homestead, FL. Mildred was a graduate of Redland High School, Roosevelt Prep School and Miami Academy of Beauty Culture. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mildred was employed by the Pan American DK-Seaplane Base in Miami, FL during WWII and later transferred to Opa Locka Naval Air Station, Opa Locka, FL.

In October, 1944 Mildred married Everett B. Sykes, Jr. At the end of the war Mildred and Everett moved to Pittsfield, MA where Everett was born and also where their daughter Dixie was born in 1946.

In 1955, Mildred, Everett and Dixie relocated to Homestead, FL. Mildred then graduated from Rollo University and The Clairol Institute of Technology as a high- fashion hairstylist and colorist. Mildred was employed for high fashion beauty shows and beauty pageants on Miami Beach.

Mildred was the manager of beauty salons for Lamarick Beauty Salon chain in Homestead, FL.

Mildred was the wife of Everett B. Sykes, Jr. with whom she made her home for 54 years until his death in 1999.

She is survived by her daughter: Dixie Sykes Taylor and son-in-law Ronald L. Taylor of Aiken, SC; one brother: Philip D. Reams, Jr. (Virginia, deceased) of Ridge Springs, SC. She has two sisters: Dorothy Watkins of Stone Mountain, GA; Ruth Poppell and her husband Clayton of Lake Butler, FL, and several nieces and nephews.

A service will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Purcell Chapel. Mildred Reams Sykes will be laid to rest with her late husband Everett B. Sykes, Jr. and her parents Philip and Lucille Reams in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Dixie and Ron,  
Just a note to touch base with you and offer my condolences to you on hearing of the death of your mom.  
I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend her service tomorrow but my thoughts and prayers will be with you.  
Travel safely.  
Sincerely,  
Carol Hall

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