



Johnny Frank Sykora

May 30, 1940 - May 16, 2010

Johnny Frank Sykora, 69, of Richmond, born at home to Fort Bend sharecroppers on May 30, 1940, passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2010 surrounded by family.

A machinist who ran his own shop for more than 20 years, he enjoyed spending time at home with his family, as well as landscaping, gardening and building things, such as two barns and a smokehouse. He also enjoyed classic cars, including his 1957 Chevy 2-door hard top.

Johnny was a big James Dean fan from before Dean was killed, even naming two of his children from the Dean movie "Giant" and taking a family vacation to the remains of the set of the movie in Marfa in the early 1970's. Elvis and John Wayne were also huge personal favorites.

He was gentle, loving, kind, dependable and accepting of others; and he will be greatly missed.

Johnny is preceded in death by his son, Jett Wade Sykora.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of nearly 50 years, Barbara; children, Chris Sykora and wife, Kim, Jenny Sykora and husband, Ateng, Scott Sykora, Marla Rice and husband, Donovan, Reata Knieriemen and

husband, Chris; grandchildren, Kyle Kinchen, Rhett and Tyler Sykora, Emma, Audrey, Charlotte and Leah Rice, Avery Dawson and Addison and Allie Knieriemen; along with other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers will include Marty Stavinoha, Dale Lindemann, David Lindemann, Malcolm Lindemann, Daryl Lindemann and Carrol Fajkus.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P. M. Friday, May 21, 2010 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg with Father Drew Wood officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M., with a rosary being recited at 7:00 P. M., Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Words of condolence and memorial tributes may be left for the Sykora family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I just learned of Johnny's passing, and I am so sorry to not of known earlier. I knew Johnny as a man of great character. I was friends with both Jett and Chris as I grew up in Richmond. My condolences to the Sykora family.

Derck Koehn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Reata and family,
Audra and I wish you all warm and wonderful memories of your dad.
We are very sorry for your loss and pray that God will bless you all.
Our love and prayers.
Pam Roehe

pam and audra roehe - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Barbara we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Johnny was a good family man, and will be missed by all who knew him.
Larry @ Barbara Kunz

Larry Kunz - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Dear Barbara,

Very sorry for your loss. I wish I had known earlier about the funeral I would have been able to make it.

You and Johnny were always good neighbors and good friends. He will be missed by all.

God Bless you and your family,

Harris Walenta

Harris Walenta - May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God gives each of us a temporary home to live in while on earth. Now it is Mr. Sykora's time to move into his mansion in Heaven and to be with God. It is hard to let a loved one go but remember that he is in a much better place and is no longer suffering. God bless you and may Mr. Sykora rest in peace.*

Julia Mueck - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *To Johnny Sykora Family,*

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Rick & Debbie Wleczyk - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Johnny Sykora was a devoted husband and father; an inspiration to me as I grew up and started my own family.

Mr. Sykora was a role model who helped me become a man.

I rarely ever saw Johnny inside and I am sure he is hanging out in Heaven's garage as much as possible.

We wish Mr. Sykora's family peace during this tough time.

The Walenta family Steven, Miranda, Kade and Marina

Steven Walenta - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To the Sykora family,

Man of honor, hard worker, and loved his family wholeheartedly. There is no greater a legacy a man could leave than that. I am eternally grateful for the years I spent in the Sykora home. Thank you, and I love you guys.

Bret Wallace - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Barbara - I'm so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. I wish I had words that could make your pain less. But at least you know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve.

Jeannette Foerster Mathews

Jeannette Mathews - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Though the years and miles have seperated us for a while, Johnny will always be remembered by all of us as a kind man, wonderful neighbor, and dear friend. To Barbara and all the family, our deepest sympathies.

Gerald & Elaine; David, Angie & Katelyn; Brian, Julie, Erin & Logan.

The Buchta Family - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Uncle Johnny- We love you so much and will miss you dearly!*

Sean Broze Fecht - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Dear Barbara & Family,
My dearest condolences to you in the passing of Johnny. Enjoyed talking to him a month or so back when he was at his shop. Will be praying for you and the family that God will grant you peace and comfort in this time of loss. God Bless you all!*

Tim Riha

Timothy Riha - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Barbara, I am so saddened by Johnny's passing. He looked so good at our last reunion. Johnny was always one of my favorite people. Somehow we were related by my Step-Dad's family, so I knew him when we were children. I will really miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Nancy DeShazo - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My heart and prayers go out to your family. I am so deeply sorry for you loss.

Lindsi Hansen - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our condolences to the Sykora family. I was always very fond of Johnny. He was a kindhearted person and completely devoted to his family. He will truly be missed.

Debbie & Norm Shore - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to your family. May the love of God surround you and bring you peace.

Laela Feiner - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Barbara and family,
Ken and I are so very sorry to learn of your loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Delane Meekes Neal - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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KN

“ Earlier in my life, I looked to Mr. Sykora as both a friend and second Dad for many years. He will be missed. Condolences from the Nichols family. Kelly, Lisa, Brandon, and Haley

Kelly Nichols - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Barbara, Family & Friends...I worked with Johnny for a long time at WKM. He was on day shift & I would follow him on evening shift. He would laugh at my jokes even if they were not funny.A GREAT guy, we will miss him at the Friday Fish Fry. God bless.
Pete & Angie.

Pete & Angie Pavlovsky - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Johnny. I pray that you and your family find peace in the many memories you hold in your hearts. Barbara, I enjoyed our lovely visit at the last Class of '58 Reunion. We will miss him.

Evelyn Snider Welborn - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ My condolences to Barbara and family. May you be comforted by the many fond memories of Johnny as he will forever live in our hearts. Beverly Oliver
Katy Texas

Beverly Oliver - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Barbara and family. We are sorry to hear that Johnny has passed away.*

Gene and I have many fond memories of Johnny. We all worked together at Ruly, Inc. for many years. He was special, dedicated, and very kind. Our deepest sympathy to your family.

Gene & Anita Flessner - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM