



Olen Sikes

February 23, 1935 - February 7, 2026

Olen Sikes, 90, of West Point, passed away on February 7, following a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary Montague Hudson Sikes, and daughters, Mary Alicia Sikes and Amy Montague Sikes, and his sister, Beatrice Rose Sikes Brisbane. He was preceded in death by his daughter Allison Marolen Sikes and parents, Mary Evelyn Rose Sikes and Herman Sikes.

A native of West Point, Olen was active in Boy Scout Troop 340, as one of its first Eagle Scouts and troop leader while still in high school. He was honored to be selected to attend Boy Scout Jamborees, to march in Eisenhower's Inauguration Parade in 1953, and to participate in a Philmont Boy Scout Ranch trip to New Mexico. It was on that trip that he became a lifelong friend and mentee of Scout leader, Dr. George Ritchie. Olen had many unforgettable memories of his Boy Scout Canadian Canoe trip, when he carried his canoe between waterways as part of the adventure. He later became a Boy Scout District Commissioner, responsible for eight Virginia counties.

Olen attended national conventions for the West Point Jaycees, was active in West Point Kiwanis Club and in West Point United Methodist Church. He was a member of West Point Town Council for several years with numerous accomplishments during that time, including setting up a town website.

Olen and his wife traveled extensively, visiting every state except Alaska. They made numerous trips to Europe, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico, where they took special interest in the Mayan Ruins.

He earned a B. S. in Chemistry from the University of Richmond and attended the Medical College of Virginia. In 1994, he retired as Safety Director of Chesapeake Corporation in West Point, after 34 years with the company. He later worked as substitute teacher and bus driver for West Point Schools.

Olen loved people and seeing and chatting with old friends and those he knew or worked with during his days at Chesapeake.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 13 at West Point United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Point Volunteer Fire Department, Boy Scout Troup 340, or West Point United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

West Point United Methodist Church
1020 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ We will miss his seeing him. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Tony and Gina



Gina Fetterolf - February 21 at 12:56 PM

SW

“ Nancy and I met Olen and Monti at the Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center 30 or more years ago. Olen would crank those miles out on the track while Monti would be doing aerobics, step aerobics or circuit training. He also joined Monti in the yoga studio to do up dog, down dog, mountain pose, warrior 1, warrior 2, and so many more.
Monti, the Wellness Center group will remember Olen's smile and wave, at you (and the group), as he rounded that last curve.

Sam and Nancy Wilson

Sam Wilson - February 13 at 04:17 PM

MF

“ Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio - February 13 at 03:19 PM



“ *Barbara Gossett lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



Barbara Gossett - February 12 at 09:35 AM

DC

“ *Sorry for your loss*

David Ciejek - February 12 at 08:29 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 11 at 07:15 AM

RC

“ *R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - February 11 at 06:09 AM

BW

“ *Bill And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



Bill and Susan Willis - February 11 at 01:09 AM

BB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



Brian Boswell - February 10 at 06:26 PM

TG

“ *Tina And Desi Gulley lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



Tina and Desi Gulley - February 10 at 01:58 PM

TG

i enjoyed serving with Olen on West Point Town Council. I also enjoyed talking with him about tennis. He was an interesting man and he will be missed.

Tina and Desi Gulley - February 10 at 02:01 PM

MH

“ Mike Haden lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Mike Haden - February 10 at 11:22 AM

VA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary, and all of your family.

Virginia&Will Addison - February 10 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear this news. May good memories help you all at this time

Janie wampler - February 10 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ RIP BOSS!!! Remember working with You.

Jerry Blanchard - February 10 at 10:46 AM

RC

“ Russ & Shawn Carter lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Russ & Shawn Carter - February 10 at 10:43 AM

CH

“ Sorry for the loss of Olen. He was always a pleasure to work with at the mill. My God comfort you with your memories.

Cheryl Haynes - February 10 at 10:40 AM

BR

“ Beverlyand Jim Ross lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Beverlyand Jim Ross - February 10 at 09:57 AM

AW

“ Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Avril & Gerald Williams - February 09 at 10:02 PM

SW

“ Sandra Willis lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes



Sandra Willis - February 09 at 09:45 PM

SW

Olen was a very special person. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Sandra Willis - February 09 at 09:47 PM

JP

“ God be with you during this difficult time. With love and sympathy,
Judy and Glenn Palmer

Judy and Glenn Palmer - February 09 at 08:41 PM

FC

“ Francis Chandler lit a candle in memory of
Olen Sikes



francis chandler - February 09 at 08:32 PM

SS

“ Steve & Judy lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes

Steve Shaw - February 09 at 08:29 PM



“ Evans Brizendine lit a candle in memory of
Olen Sikes



Evans Brizendine - February 09 at 08:21 PM



“ Sending prayers for all of the family he was
such an amazing man



Beverly Edwards - February 09 at 08:15 PM

GC

“ Dear Mary Montague, family and friends,
I am so sorry to hear of Olen’s passing.
He was always so kind.
Cherish your precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - February 09 at 07:39 PM

DS

“ Dale Sewsrd lit a candle in memory of Olen
Sikes



Dale Sewsrd - February 09 at 07:06 PM

FS

“ Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Olen
Sikes



Faith Silva - February 09 at 05:29 PM

MF

“ Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio lit a candle
in memory of Olen Sikes



Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio - February 09 at 05:27 PM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



HENRY WARD - February 09 at 05:21 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



John and Vickie Roane - February 09 at 04:56 PM

LK

“ *Lori Kerby lit a candle in memory of Olen Sikes*



Lori Kerby - February 09 at 04:15 PM

PC

“ *My heartfelt condolences and sympathy are with Olen's family and friends. I will always remember him as someone who truly cared about the safety of the mill's employees.*



Pamela Carter - February 09 at 04:09 PM