



## Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels

January 6, 2022

### **\*\*Service Update\*\***

Due to a recent exposure of Covid with in the family. The public visitation will still take place, however some family may not be present. The funeral service on Thursday will be held privately for only family. The service will be available to watch live beginning at 10:45 am, Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Indy Southside Nazarene Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/indysouthsidenaz/>) Click Here To Watch (<https://www.facebook.com/indysouthsidenaz/>)

Donald "Don" W. Sickels Jr., 65, and loving wife, Melissa L. "Lynne" McCrary Sickels, 57, of Whiteland, went home to be with Jesus less than 24 hours apart at Community South Hospital in Greenwood.

Don was born on January 17, 1956 in Colorado, a son of the late, Donald W. and Ruth Sickels Sr.

Don is survived by three children, Carrie Sickels-Hines (Karey Crane), Elizabeth Sickels and Victoria Sickels; three grandchildren, Alexis Young (fiancé, Nick Adams), Jacob Young, Haleigh Hines and two great-grandchildren; six siblings, Anita (Roger) Ward, Deborah (Gerald) Bedwell, Janet (Greg) Buckley, John (Ginger) Sickels, Christopher Scott (Jane) Sickels,

Kimberly Sickels and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Lynne was born on October 20, 1964 in Clinton, IN, a daughter of Rev. Maurice R. and Pansy R. (Kirkman) McCrary Sr.

Lynne is survived by her parents; two brothers, Rev. Ray (Lenea) McCrary II and Tony (Abby) McCrary; eight nieces and nephews, Rachelle (Thom) Fish, Amber (Mark) Fish, Natosha McCrary, Megan (Matt) Harshbarger, Alex McCrary, Caitlyn (Daniel) Spriggs, Britton (Kelsey) McCrary and Marissa McCrary; one great- niece, six great-nephews and numerous cousins and extended family. She was preceded in death by a nephew, Maurice R. McCrary III.

Don and Lynne were brought together and it was love at first sight. They were inseparable and kids at heart. They were married on August 27, 2011. The Sickels family and McCrary family fully embraced each other and enjoyed holidays and trips together. Don and Lynne loved travelling and vacationing in Brown County, Indiana, Cumberland Lake and Dale Hollow Lake among many other places.

Don was a horticulturist and enjoyed growing and grooming plants. He owned and operated Certified Lawn Care for many years and later worked for Mid America Labs as a courier. After retiring he volunteered as a bus driver for Kid City USA in Beech Grove. Don enjoyed cooking and baking. He was great with children and they naturally gravitated towards his gentle spirit and candy filled pockets. He was loving, kind, funny sense of humor and had a heart for everyone.

From the age of 10 until the day Lynne passed away, she ministered side by side with her family. She served with them in song evangelistic work, children

and youth ministries, and various church positions. Lynne was a teacher and principal in four different Christian schools. She was the current director of Kids City USA in Beech Grove.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Indy Southside Nazarene Church 2515 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227 with Pastor Keith Waggoner and Pastor Ray McCrary officiating.

Friends may call from 3 – 8 pm, Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the church and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

A graveside service will be held privately on a later date at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Flowers may be sent to the church or memorial contributions may be made to the Community Ministries Fund of Indy Southside Nazarene Church with envelopes available during services.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the families of Don and Lynne Sickels.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

1977 South S.R. 135  
Greenwood, IN 46143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Indy Southside Nazarene Church  
2515 E Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Lynne and her husband passing. It has been some time since I seen Lynne or her family but they are always in my prayers. Gone but never forgotten

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**Michelle C ( Houtz)** - February 27, 2022 at 12:38 AM

JW

“ My sincere condolence goes out to the Sickel and McCrary families. Your loss today is temporary; the reunion is eternal! Love and prayers!  
James Walker

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**James Walker** - January 13, 2022 at 09:39 AM

MH

“ My heartfelt and sincere condolences are extended to all of the Don and Lynne Sickels Family at learning the sad news of Don and Lynne's passing. We were neighbors on East Adams Drive, Franklin. in the mid 60's and 70's, and I have many fond memories of good times we spent together, and still have the Pumpkin Cookie recipe that I believe was from Grandmother Sickels, from Olathe, Kansas. Debbie and Janet were closest to me in age, and we rode the school bus together.  
My thoughts and prayers, and deepest sympathy, are with all of the Sickels Family at this most sorrowful time.  
Thinking of all of you,  
Margaret Height

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**Margaret Height** - January 12, 2022 at 06:41 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep sorrow. May you sense God’s special strength and love during this time of loss.

*Monte & Mary Stetler*

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**Monte & Mary Stetler** - January 12, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 12, 2022 at 02:37 PM

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“ Cousins: Barb H., Deb J. and Terri S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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**Cousins: Barb H., Deb J. and Terri S.** - January 12, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ 169 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - January 11, 2022 at 05:54 PM

TH

*Growing up in the 60's, my family lived two doors down from the Sickles. They were a warm, loving and upstanding family. Mr Don Sickles Sr. had built a fantastic tree swing that the entire neighborhood enjoyed. I seem to recall that a pet monkey was sometimes on the scene! Janet was a dear friend of mine. I offer my sincere condolences to all the siblings who have lost a precious part of their life. Teresa Height-Dosdall*

**Teresa Height-Dosdall** - January 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM

ML

“ *Mary L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



**Mary L.** - January 11, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 11, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ *To the best dad and best stepmom a girl could ever ask for. You are already missed dearly and our hearts are broken but we are finding peace in that you are together. We love you more than you could ever know. Love Always, Carrie, Karey and the kids* ❤️



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**Carrie Sickels Hines** - January 10, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ *Pastor Keith & Grace Bible Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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**Pastor Keith & Grace Bible Church Family** - January 10, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sending the deepest condolences to the family of Don and Lynne. Lynne was a caregiver to my children and simply had a heart of gold.*



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**Shannon** - January 10, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 10, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 10, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Adoring Heart* was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 10, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 10, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ I worked with Lynne for many years. She also had all three of my children for Kindergarten and then in the school age program. Lynne and I had countless days of fun and laughter. When I would try to get her to laugh or call her Linnie-Boo, she would bob her head at me and say "Really?" She had a very big heart ! She will be so missed. Praying for comfort and peace to her whole family.



*Amanda*

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**Amanda** - January 10, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ Live God Loud Ministries purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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**Live God Loud Ministries** - January 10, 2022 at 08:42 AM

BT

“ I am so broken hearted for the family of Don & Lynne. You are all in my prayers and will see them both again in the arms of JESUS!



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**Barb Terrell** - January 09, 2022 at 10:53 PM

RK

“ Truly sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.

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**Regina (Lester) Kissell** - January 09, 2022 at 08:03 PM

RH

“ Our hearts share your sorrow in the loss of Lynne and Don. We pray that Peace that passes understanding surrounds you and gives you comfort now and in the days ahead. We love you, dear McCrary family.

*Rick and Becky Hoffpauir*

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**Rick and Becky Hoffpauir** - January 08, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.



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January 08, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 08, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 08, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 08, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 08, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels.*



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January 08, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *I never had the privilege to meet Don, but I know if Lynne and the McCrarys loved him, I would have as well. I can't hardly remember a day of my life that I haven't known Lynne! What a beautiful and precious person! I could fill a lot of space with childhood memories and on into college days. She was also a friend to Kathryn in college and was one of the bridesmaids in our wedding. Seems unbelievable that she is not with us but what a joy to know she is with Jesus and awaiting our reunion! Much love and prayers for the McCrarys as well as Don's family.*

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**Shannon & Kathryn Smith** - January 08, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Connie Pearlstein lit a candle in memory of Don and Lynne (McCrary) Sickels*



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**Connie Pearlstein** - January 08, 2022 at 12:34 PM

DH

*Our prayers to the Sickels & McCrary families. May God put His arms around you & comfort you during this time.*

*Brother Mac was our Pastor when he was in Summitville, Indiana.*

*God Bless!*

*Love & prayers,*

*Dannis & Karen Hollingsworth*

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**Dannis & Karen Hollingsworth** - January 08, 2022 at 03:15 PM

LH

*Our deepest sympathy to the McCrary and Sickels families! This all seems so impossible! Bro. Mac was our Pastor at Gratz, PA during the years when Lynne, Ray, and Tony were growing up. We never lost contact with them. They were such an upbeat family!*

*Praying for all of you often!*

*Lester & Carol Hoch*

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**Lester & Carol Hoch** - January 08, 2022 at 08:15 PM

BH

*Our prayers go out to the Sickels and McCrary family. Lynne is one of my first cousins. We will miss them so much.*

*Barb and Gary Howlett*

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**Barb Howlett** - January 12, 2022 at 11:20 AM