



*In Loving Memory of*

*Sarah McLeod Stallings*

*Sunrise*  
*March 2, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*January 16, 2019*

*Service*  
*Tuesday, January 22, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**

378 East Milton Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065

*Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor, Officiating*  
*Mack Williams, Organist*

## Life Story

**Sarah McLeod Stallings**, beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend was the daughter of the late William Douglas McLeod and Sarah Jane Hart. She was the 8th child of 10 children.

She was born in Linden, New Jersey; the family moved to Newark, N.J. where she attended the Newark Public School System.

She accepted the Lord as her personal savior, and she never turned back. She was baptized by the Reverend Collie Edwards. By the age of sixteen, she was a Sunday School teacher, teaching the little tots. She truly had a big heart for children and many of these children remember her to this day.

In 1946, her family moved to Edison, N.J. where she attended the Edison School System and graduated from Metuchen High School. Her first job was working at Elizabethtown Gas in Rahway, N.J., later she worked at RCA in Woodbridge, N.J. and also Westinghouse in Edison, N.J. She was employed at JFK Hospital for more than 25 years and retired in 1998 as a Specialized Food and Diet Nutritionist. She obtained many awards and certifications from her employment.

Sarah joined the Second Baptist Church in 1961 under the leadership of Reverend Paul A. McDaniel. She participated in the Inspirational Choir, Mass Choir and Adult Sunday School. Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey, she became one of the first students to graduate from the Kerygma Bible class.

Sarah always had a love and concern for children and anyone who had a need for assistance. She served as an advisor and teacher of the Junior Missionaries for ten years, a Sunday School Teacher teaching children of all ages, (too many years to count) a Youth Advisor Member and Chaplin, Parent Teacher Committee Chaplin, member of the Senior Missionary Society, Senior and Junior Missionary Coordinator, member of the Inspirational Choir serving as the "Sunshine Treasurer" and Women's Guild member. In 2009, she was honored as Mother of the year.

She was loved by all who knew her. She was married for 43 years to the late Aaron David Stallings. From this union they had five children. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her. She leaves to cherish her memories, one son, Vincent Stallings; two daughters, Diane McMillan and her husband Willie and Sarah Stallings-Benbow and husband Keith; two sisters, Lucille Merricks and Helen Baskerville; one brother, Henry McLeod; one brother-in-law Alexander (Eleck) Kennedy; one sister-in-law, Gussie McLeod; four grandchildren, Bryant Marshall, Aaron McMillan and Keianna and Keiarah Benbow and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by two sons, David Aaron and Victor Hans Stallings and siblings; Audrey Kennedy and Harold, William, Munson, Pearl and Dorothy McLeod.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....“I Give Myself Away”  
William McLeod (Nephew)

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Reading of the Scripture.....Reverend Walter King  
Old Testament (Psalm 129:1-9)  
New Testament (Matthew 6:19-21)

Prayer of Consolation.....Emmanuel Ijalana (Nephew)

Selection.....“It Is Well With My Soul”  
William McLeod (Nephew)

Acknowledgments.....Church Staff

Reflections (*Limited to 2 Minutes*)

Words of Inspiration.....“Have Your Way Lord”  
Bishop Keith Young (Nephew)

Obituary.....Vincent Stallings (Son)

Solo.....“I Am Gonna Miss You”  
William McLeod (Nephew)

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey

Recessional.....Organist

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

## *Let Me Give*

*I don't know how long I'll live, but while I live, Lord let me give  
Some comfort to someone in need by smile or not – kind word or deed  
And let me do what e'er I can to ease things for my fellow man;  
I want naught but to "lift" a tired or weary heart,  
To change folks' frowns to smiles again – then I will not have lived in vain  
And I'll not care how long I'll live if I can give and give and give.*

## *"The Love of God Enfolds Me"*



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*Sorrowfully submitted,  
The Family*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family would like to extend gratitude  
to all expressions of sympathy at this time.*

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