

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Inspirational Selection.....

Prayer of Comfort.....

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Job 14: 14-15

New Testament St. John 14: 1 to 7

Solo..... Sharron Clemons

Cards & Resolutions.....Jyiana McCleary

Reading of The Obituary.....

Words of Comfort / Reflections.....

The Eulogy.....

Solo.....Raymond Collins

Message of Hope.....

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while -

Please do not grieve and shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow to you through the years,

But start out bravely with a gallant smile,

And for my sake and in my name

Live on and do all things the same,

Feed not your loneliness on empty days,

But fill each waking hour in useful ways,

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer

And I, in turn will comfort you

and hold you near;

And never, never be afraid to die,

For I am waiting for you in the sky!

Sarah



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following that 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 day,

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it 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've savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems 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.

Acknowledgement

The Family of Sarah Austin would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their acts of kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. It lifts our hearts to know that you care. May God continue to shower you and your family with blessings. The Family



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MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sarah AUSTIN

November 27, 1941 — March 4, 2026

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 2:00 PM

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1621 Cecil B. Moore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19121

Journey of Life

Sarah Austin was born on November 27, 1941, in Denmark, South Carolina, to the late Lee James and Willie Mae Dyches. She peacefully departed this life on March 4, 2026, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family.

At an early age, Sarah moved to North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she spent most of her life and built a legacy of love, faith, and family. She was educated in the Philadelphia Public School System and later continued her education at the Community College of Philadelphia, where she earned her associate degree.

Sarah was employed at several businesses, which included The University of Pennsylvania, Marriott, Wanamaker's, Nu Tec, New Millennium, Parcel Plus. Her positions were manager and sales. Sarah also was the sole proprietor of then Austin Janitorial Services.

Sarah accepted Christ at a young age and her faith remained an important foundation throughout her life and was reflected in the kindness, compassion, and strength she shared with others.

On August 17, 1959, she was united in marriage to John Austin Sr., and from this union two children were born. Sarah was a deeply cherished and devoted mother, grandmother, and friend who touched the lives of many. She was known for her warm spirit, loving heart, and the joy she found in spending time with her family. Sarah was also a proud member of 2000 African American Woman.

In her later years, Sarah enjoyed staying active through her work at the visual arts center. She also enjoyed walking and exercising as well as taking pictures, traveling, and enjoying good food with family and friends. Her presence brought comfort, laughter, and wisdom to those who knew her.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, Lee James and Willie Mae Dyches, and her three brothers, Lee James, Grady, and Allen. She leaves to cherish her loving memory of her children, Gail and John; her brother, Zachary; her brother/nephew Grady (Tia). She also leaves her beloved granddaughter, Dania; her great-granddaughter, Janae and her great-great-grandson, Ma'Haaj (affectionately known as "5"), along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Sarah Austin's life was a testament to faith, love, and family. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Submitted with Love

