

**Church Resolution of Respect  
For  
[Deceased Name]**

*No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems;*

*The Lord is there to see you through; He'll go to all extremes.*

*So if your cross seems hard to bear; and you know not what to do;*

*The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through.*

We are in place in this world for a limited time, and with the breath of the infant begins the race to the grave. A race everyone must run.

**WHEREAS**, in the providence of God. He has brought to a close the life of [Deceased Name], the officers and members of [Church Name], in [City and State] feel that it is befitting to express their sympathy to the family of during the passing of [Deceased Name]. We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.

**WHEREAS**, [Deceased Mother] was a reverent woman who loved the Lord. A very independent person who would perform any tasks and instilled in her family to follow her example. She loved her family with a gentle, yet stern combination which only she possessed.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by remembering this poem.

*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!*

*∞ Author Unknown*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the church archives.

To the family, we know your loss is deep, and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's Gain.

Humbly submitted on this [Date] day of [Month and Year],

The Officers and Members of the [Church Name], [City and State],

Reverend [Pastor's Name], Senior Pastor

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Official Signature/Date