

Church Resolution of Respect
for
Sister Bobbie Joe Smith

*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, the members of Progressive Baptist Church, want the family to know that our hearts are with you as we gather to bid a Christian good-bye to a valiant woman, Mrs. Bobbie Joe Smith, the mother and mother-in-law of Sandra and Johnny Jones and the grandmother of Monica, Amy, Debra, and Bobby Jones who are all very active members, participants, and willing workers for Christ.

WHEREAS, Sister Bobbie Joe professed a hope in Christ at an early age and was an active and regular supporter of her church.

WHEREAS, Sister Bobbie Joe 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.

WHEREAS, not only is this a loss of a devoted mother, but also a confident counselor and closest of friends. A person who was always available to share an encouraging word and demonstrate strong support.

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved Sister is the will of God and there is a human tie that has been broken which bleeds the heart in agony and pain. We are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake them".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we embrace the family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of your lives. We can not replace Sister Bobbie Joe, but will attempt to demonstrate her love for you.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a period of official mourning will be observed for 30 days by the setting aside of a special seat to acknowledge the passing of our precious Sister Bobbie Joe.

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.

When it is all over, we would like you to remember:

*In case there's a time when you just need some cheer,
In case there's a problem you would like us to hear,
In case there's a favor you would like us to do-
We're here if you need us to help see you through.*

Humbly submitted on this 25th day of January 2008,

The Officers and Members of the Progressive Baptist Church, Hendrix, Arkansas, Reverend O. W. Allen, Senior Pastor

A copy of this Church Resolution will be given to the Family and another copy will be recorded in the church archives.