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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 place at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Yes, these things I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life has been full, and I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief, do not lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me-God wanted me now, He has set me free.

We, the members of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church want the entire Lopes family to know that our hearts are with you as we bid a Christian farewell to our own **Brother John Stephen Lopes** who was a faithful church member and loved dearly by his New Salem family.

Be It Resolved, That we know that death is just a stepping-stone to a beautiful life we have never known and is everlasting. A place where God promised he would be. A wonderful land where we will live anew when our journey on earth is over and through.

Where As the Ministerial Staff, Officers, and Members of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church wish to offer our sincerest condolences to the entire bereaved family in the passing of their loved one.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution is presented to the family and a copy is placed in our church records.

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 15th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

The Ministerial Staff, Officers and Members of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida

Larry Hunt
Senior Minister