

You can send condolence flowers to the bereaved person's home without knowing where or when the funeral will be held. If you do not have a suitable address, ask someone close to the family for help or wait until you can confirm where flowers would be welcome.

Choose a suitable delivery address

A home delivery keeps your gesture separate from the funeral arrangements. It also gives the recipient time to receive the flowers privately, rather than adding another item to a busy day at a service.

Check the address before ordering. If you are unsure, a mutual friend or relative may be able to confirm it or pass along your wish to send flowers. Avoid asking the bereaved person for logistical details if someone else can help, since they may already have many decisions to make.

If the recipient is staying elsewhere, ask a trusted contact which address is best. Do not assume that flowers sent to an empty home will be received promptly.

Check the family's wishes

Some families request donations instead of flowers, while others may have religious or cultural customs that affect what is appropriate. An obituary or a message shared by the family may explain their preferences. A mutual contact can also help if no notice is available.

If the family has asked for donations in place of flowers, follow that request. A card with a few sincere words can still offer comfort without overlooking what they have chosen.

When there is no guidance, keep your choice modest. A simple arrangement for the home is usually easier to place and care for than a large display intended for a funeral service.

Pick flowers with the home in mind

Choose an arrangement in a vase or another container that can hold water. The recipient may not have the time or energy to find a vase and arrange loose stems. A compact shape also leaves more room on a table or counter.

Consider a design without a strong fragrance, especially if you do not know the recipient's preferences. If pets live in the home, mention this when ordering and ask for flowers that are suitable for a household with animals. Lilies are particularly dangerous to cats, so leave them out if cats may be present.

Write a brief, personal note

You do not need to explain why you could not attend a service or offer a long message. A sentence such as “I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family” is enough.

If you knew the person who died, you might add a specific memory or mention a quality you appreciated. Sign your name clearly so the recipient knows whom to thank or contact later, though they should not feel obliged to respond.

Send the flowers when you have confirmed the address and the family's wishes as best you can. A thoughtful gesture does not depend on knowing every detail of the funeral.

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