

# Plants and flowers of remembrance

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Throughout one's life there will be a time when flowers or plants are called for as a symbol of remembrance, loss or tribute.

Choosing the right flower for the job can sometimes be challenging. Someone always has an opinion on what should or should not be used.

Here are some thoughts. **Alstromerias** are the flower of friendship, possibly because the flowers last so long in a vase.

**Anthurium** symbolises hospitality and happiness.

**Chrysanthemum** symbolises fidelity, optimism, joy and long life.

**Daffodil** symbolises regard and chivalry. It is indicative of rebirth, new beginnings and eternal life. It also symbolises unrequited love. A single daffodil foretells a misfortune while a bunch of daffodils indicates joy and happiness.

**Daisy** symbolises innocence and purity.

**Freesia** symbolises innocence and thoughtfulness.

**Gerbera** specifically conveys cheerfulness.

**Gladiolus** flower signifies remembrance, strength of character, faithfulness and honour.

**Iris**: a purple iris for wisdom and compliments. Blue iris symbolises faith and hope. Yellow iris symbolises passion and white iris symbolises purity.

**King Protea** stands for change and transformation. It signifies daring and resourcefulness. It is

symbolic of diversity and courage.

**Lilies** have long been associated with purity and chastity.

**Roses** mean love in its many forms. Roses are traditionally the flower synonymous with love. Red seems to be the eternal symbol of love. White roses symbolise purity and virginity, yellow roses are for friendship while a single rose bloom says "I Love You".

**Rosemary** is planted as a symbol of remembrance when someone passes on. Rosemary is said to be an effective memory stimulant.

**Sunflowers** indicate passion and infatuation.

Whether you choose to send flowers, plant a plant or get some bulbs, take a moment to think about the meaning that flower or plant portrays. The time you take to make your decision will make the effort far more rewarding.

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Funeral flowers: Choosing the right bunch can be a challenge.

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Affection: Daffodils symbolise regard, chivalry, joy and happiness.

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