

LOSS OF A PARENT SERIES

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*Grieving the Love, Guidance,
and Place They Hold in Your Life*

Love | Family | Identity | Remembrance

Losing a parent can touch every part of life: the memories you carry, the traditions you shared, the guidance you still wish you could ask for, and the ways you understand home and family.

Whether your relationship was close, complicated, or somewhere in between, your grief is personal and valid. There is no right way to miss someone who helped shape your life.

*Their love and influence can remain close to your heart.
You do not have to walk this changed path alone.*

1 WHY PARENT LOSS HURTS

- A parent's presence may be woven into your earliest memories.
- You may miss their voice, advice, and familiar ways.
- The loss can change how "home" feels.
- Your grief reflects a relationship that mattered.

2 EVERY RELATIONSHIP IS UNIQUE

- You may have felt close, distant, or both at different times.
- Love and difficulty can exist in the same relationship.
- There is no "right" way to grieve a complicated parent.
- Your feelings deserve room and compassion.

3 THE EVERYDAY MISSING

- You may want to call them with ordinary news.
- Family meals, routines, and traditions may feel different.
- Small reminders can bring grief close without warning.
- Missing them can show up in quiet moments.

4 FAMILY CHANGES

- Their death may change roles and responsibilities in the family.
- Siblings may grieve in different ways.
- You may feel pressure to be strong for others.
- It is okay to ask for support and space.

5 IDENTITY AFTER LOSS

- You may feel changed as an adult child.
- You may be carrying more family history or responsibility now.
- New questions about who you are can arise.
- You are allowed time to adjust.

6 MEMORIES AND TRADITIONS

- Speak their name and share stories when it feels right.
- Keep traditions that bring comfort.
- Create new rituals for meaningful days.
- Memories may bring both tears and warmth.

7 GRIEF AT MILESTONES

- Birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries can feel especially hard.
- Your own children or life events may bring longing.
- Plan gently for dates you know may be tender.
- You do not need to face them alone.

8 CARRYING THEIR LOVE

- Notice the lessons, values, and love they gave you.
- Their influence can continue in the life you live.
- Moving forward does not mean leaving them behind.
- Love can remain part of your story.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Your parent's love can remain part of the story you carry forward.



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