

There can be other emotions too, like relief, especially if it was a long illness.

This is perfectly understandable and nothing to feel guilty about.

We can be grateful that our loved one's time has come and that their suffering here on earth has ended.

God's response

'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you and you will be comforted...'

Isaiah 66:13

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In your
constant love

*With
heartfelt
prayers
and
sympathy*

Jesus came 'to comfort all who mourn ... to give to those who mourn ... joy and gladness instead of grief, a song of praise instead of sorrow'
Isaiah 61:2-3

May you experience His special comfort, and may these thoughts be of help, as you come to terms with this bereavement.

Mixed emotions

It's important to let the tears come at times like this - Jesus Himself was not ashamed to weep at the grave of his friend Lazarus. Nevertheless, it's reassuring to know that the tears will not go on forever. Times of distress do come to an end.

'Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning.'
Psalm 30:5

Father God

Thank you for ...
every way they enriched my life.
Thank you for the good times we shared and the happy memories – may they not be clouded by those of recent days.
Thank you that their battle with sickness and suffering is over.
Please give me your strength, wisdom and courage as I face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.
Help me pick up the pieces of my life and begin to build for the future.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.