

Yes, you can send a scented candle with condolence flowers, provided the recipient would welcome a fragrance in their home. Choose a subtle scent, check that the flowers and candle can be delivered together, and include a simple note.

Choosing a candle that feels right

A candle can make a quiet companion to flowers. It lasts beyond the arrangement and gives the recipient something they can use whenever they feel ready. There is no need to suggest that lighting it will make a hard day better.

Look for a fragrance that is soft rather than overpowering. Lavender, for example, is a familiar choice, though even a gentle scent is a matter of taste. If you know the person dislikes fragrance, has allergies, or is sensitive to scented products, an unscented candle is a more considerate option.

Keep the presentation simple. A plain container in a neutral colour will sit comfortably beside most flower arrangements. This is probably not the moment for a candle labelled with a joke, however tempting the pun.

How to send flowers and a candle

Before ordering, think about where the gift is going. Flowers and a candle may be welcome at a home, but a funeral venue may have different rules about what it can accept. A quick check can save the recipient or staff an awkward task.

1. Choose flowers suited to the recipient or family. If you know a favourite flower or colour, that can make the gift feel personal.

2. Select a candle with a mild scent, or choose an unscented one if you are unsure about fragrance.
3. Ask the florist or delivery service if the candle can travel with the flowers. If not, arrange a separate delivery.
4. Add a short message and check the delivery address. For a funeral venue, confirm the accepted delivery time first.

If the family has requested donations instead of flowers, respect that request. You can still send a card, and you might ask someone close to the family if a candle would be appropriate.

What to write on the card

You do not need a perfect message. A few sincere words can acknowledge the loss without asking the recipient to respond. Try: “I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.”

If you knew the person who died, you might add a brief memory or mention a quality you appreciated. Keep any offer of help specific and genuine, such as offering to bring a meal next week. Avoid suggesting that the candle or flowers should bring comfort on a particular schedule. Grief does not follow delivery instructions.

Questions about sending a candle

Is an unscented candle appropriate?

Yes. It is a thoughtful choice when you do not know the recipient’s preferences or want to avoid fragrance sensitivities.

Should I send the candle to the funeral?

Check with the venue first. Sending it to the family home may be easier, since there is no need to transport it after the service.

Can I send a candle without flowers?

Yes. A candle and a heartfelt card can stand on their own, especially if flowers are not practical or the recipient would prefer a lasting gift.

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