

# Dear [Family Member's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to sincerely apologize for not being able to attend the [specific milestone event] on [date]. It deeply saddens me to have missed such an important occasion in our family's life.

Unfortunately, [brief reason for absence, e.g., "a prior commitment I could not reschedule" or "unexpected circumstances came up"]. I truly value our family gatherings and it pains me to have been absent.

Please know that I was with you all in spirit, and I will make sure to catch up on the memories made during the event. I look forward to hearing all about it and seeing the photos.

Thank you for understanding, and I hope to make it up to everyone soon. Let's plan to get together sometime in the near future.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]