Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt apologies for not being able to celebrate your special day with you. I had been looking forward to it, and I truly regret missing out on the joy and laughter of the occasion.

Life sometimes throws unexpected challenges our way, and unfortunately, I was unable to be there. Please know that my absence does not reflect the immense value I place on our friendship and the importance of your special moments.

I hope you had a wonderful time surrounded by loved ones, and I would love to catch up soon to hear all about it. Let's plan a get-together--I would love to celebrate you, even if it's a little late.

Wishing you all the happiness in the world. You deserve it!

Warmest regards,

[Your Name]