



TULIPS

OFFERING SPECIAL MEANING AND COMFORT TO GRIEVING PARENTS

Often planted in the fall, tulips are usually one of the first harbingers of spring. They represent new life nourished and strengthened by the hardship of winter. And they represent the spectacular beauty of Spring... poised and ready to explode.



Tulips are very different from other flowers in that they actually continue to grow after they are cut—as much as an inch. Their growth isn't random, but upward and outward towards the Light. The gentle pull of the Light gives them new life. Because they are constantly changing, they are said to “dance in the vase.”

In many ways, tulips mirror what we as grieving parents experience every day. We often feel buried in darkness as we journey through the cold, harsh winter of life without our child. Eventually we will emerge in the glory of the Resurrection and the springtime of eternal life.

Perhaps we should adopt the tulip as a flower representing Emmaus Ministry parents in that it is our goal to continue to grow after we have been cut...to grow gently towards the Light of Life who gives us so much hope and beauty.



Because we are in the middle of winter darkness now, but soon we will be emerging into the brilliance of spring, we hope that the splash of tulips you see this time of year—and all that they represent— lifts you up.