

A New Location

A bank in Binghamton, New York, had some flowers sent to a competitor who had recently moved into a new building. There was a mix-up at the flower shop, and the card sent with the arrangement read: "With our deepest sympathy."

The florist, who was greatly embarrassed, apologized. But he was even more embarrassed when he realized that the card intended for the bank was attached to a floral arrangement sent to a funeral home in honor of a deceased person. That card read: "Congratulations on your new location!"

A sentiment like that is entirely appropriate for Christians, because they are promised a move to a wonderful new location after they die – going to be with Christ.

It is a wonderful truth to remember for those of us who are privileged to work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, because departures from this life happen all around us. Lately, a number of deaths have occurred in our corporate family at Life Care, as well as among our associates and their relatives in our centers. We grieve over the loss of residents when it is their time to go.

But we can take comfort in the knowledge that – for those who leave us – the sorrows and heartaches of earth are past forever. To be united with Christ will be a joyous day, indeed.

To every believer who dies, therefore, we can look forward to that "new location!"

--Beecher Hunter