

Hi [Friend's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to write and say how truly sorry I am that I couldn't make it to your wedding. I was really looking forward to being there and celebrating such a special day with you both, but unfortunately, [briefly explain your reason, e.g., something came up at work, family emergency, travel issues, etc.].

Thank you so much for inviting me – it really meant a lot. I've seen some photos, and you both looked absolutely amazing! I can only imagine how beautiful and fun the day was. I promise we'll catch up soon so I can hear all about it – I owe you a coffee (or two!).

Wishing you both so much happiness, love, and laughter as you start this new chapter together. Let's definitely get together soon to celebrate in person!

Big hugs,  
[Your Name]