

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this note finds you well. I wanted to reach out personally to say how sincerely sorry I am that I won't be able to attend your wedding. I was really looking forward to celebrating this beautiful day with you both, but unfortunately, [brief reason, e.g., "I have a prior work commitment on the same date" or "unforeseen circumstances have made it impossible for me to travel"].

Please know that I am thinking of you and sending all my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and a lifetime of happiness together. I can't wait to see the photos and hear all about your special day!

Let's plan to catch up soon—I'd love to celebrate with you in person when we get the chance.

With lots of love,  
[Your Name]