Quotes on Grief

God gave us memories that we might have roses in December. – James M. Barrie

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. – Thomas Campbell

It’s the great mystery of human life that old grief passes gradually into quiet tender joy. – Fyodor Dostoevsky

Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us bigger, even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward. – Henry Ford

Oh heart, if one should say to you that the soul perishes like the body, answer that the flower withers, but the seed remains. – Kahlil Gibran

There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief…and unspeakable love. – Washington Irving

Mourning never really ends, only as time goes on, as we do our work, it may erupt less frequently. – Ruth Davis Konigsberg

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. – C. S. Lewis

Talk to me about the truth of religion and I'll listen gladly. Talk to me about the duty of religion and I'll listen submissively. But don't come talking to me about the consolations of religion or I shall suspect that you don't understand. – C. S. Lewis

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. – C. S. Lewis
When I lay these questions before God I get no answer. But a rather special sort of 'No answer.' It is not the locked door. It is more like a silent, certainly not uncompassionate, gaze. As though He shook His head not in refusal but waiving the question. Like, 'Peace, child; you don't understand.' – C. S. Lewis

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares. – Henri Nouwen

For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity. – William Penn

Grief is the price we pay for love. – Queen Elizabeth II

Grief makes one hour ten. – Shakespeare

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. – Dr. Seuss

Tears are the silent language of grief. – Voltaire