

## Seven Facts About Tulips

### 1. There Are Thousands of Varieties of Tulips

There are more than 3,000 varieties of tulips worldwide (this includes naturally occurring and genetically cultivated varieties). Of those 3,000 varieties, tulips can be divided into approximately 150 species.

### 2. Tulips Have an Expensive History

Tulips caused quite the pandemonium in the 1600s. During this time in the Netherlands, tulips were highly valuable and are considered by some historians to be the cause of the economic crash of 1637. During this time, tulips were as expensive as homes.

### 3. The Flowers Are Edible

Tulips are actually a part of the [lily](#) family, which also includes [onions](#), [garlic](#), and [asparagus](#). The [petals are edible](#) and have been used as an onion substitute and to make wine. Tulips were commonly used in food during the Dutch famine over the course of World War II.

### 4. Each Tulip Color Has a Different Meaning

Tulips are said to have different meanings based on flower color. Red tulips represent true love (no wonder tulips are the second most popular [Valentine's Day flower](#)). White ones are a symbol of apology and forgiveness. Purple tulips are a symbol of royalty.

### 5. There Is a Near-Black Variety

Although there are no true black flowers that occur in nature, many hybrids and cultivars have been created to get close. 'Queen of the Night' tulips are one of the [most popular varieties](#) because of their deep purple petals that almost look black.

### 6. Tulips Did Not Originate in Holland

Many people think that tulips are native to Holland because of the immense amounts of tulips that are grown and shipped out of the Netherlands (nearly 3 billion bulbs exported each year!). They actually originated in central Asia and were first brought to Turkey. They were then sent from Turkey to Holland around 1560.

### 7. Blooms Only Last 7 to 10 Days

There are [tulip festivals all over the United States](#) and throughout the world. Although they are meant to celebrate the beautiful bulb, they also acknowledge the short amount of time that the blooms last. Tulip blooms only last a week or two, so festivals encourage people to come out and see them before they are gone.

There's a lot to love about tulips, but knowing more about your favorite flower makes it seem even more special. The history behind this spring bulb shows that there is more to tulips than the physical flower.



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*The LORD will guide you ...  
you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water, whose  
waters never fail.*

Isaiah 58:II, NRSV



# Memorial Tulips

*In Loving Memory of Carl (Chippie) Chapman*

*By: Rosie, Steve, Rick & Gaynell*

*Robb Miller*

*By: Bob & Betty Miller*

*Our Parents: Charles & Juanita Kincaid , Fred & Ella Lou Delp*

*By: Fred & Vickie Delp*

*Matthew Perkins, John & Olive Perkins, John & Julia Ann Brooks*

*By: Jack & Claren Perkins*

*Willard & Roxie Feese,*

*By: Jim & Sandy Boggess*

*W.T. "Bud" & Margaret Boggess*

*By: Jim & Sandy Boggess*

*John & Susan Call*

*By: Johnna & Willie Adkins*

*Philip Herrold, Dearest Husband in Heaven*

*By: Bonnie Herrold*

*Our Son, Steve Cornwell*

*By: Pat & Brenda Cornwell*

*Our Parents, W.W. & Blanche Cornwell , Edgar and Mitz Johnson, Our Brothers and Sisters: Tom Cornwell, Sherry Boring, Donna Thabet, Wilma Odell & Delano Johnson*

*By: Pat & Brenda Cornwell*

*John Burris*

*By: Bob, Becky & Maggie Chenoweth*

*Pete Burris,*

*By: Bob, Becky & Maggie Chenoweth*

*Jim & Wilda Chenoweth*

*By: Bob, Becky & Maggie Chenoweth*

*Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry O'Brien*

*By: Kay & Bob Ratcliff*

*My Parents, Jim & Raye Tennant*

*By: Malinda Ross*

*Ben Maynard*

*By: Mildred Maynard*

*Jean Mays*

*By: Roger & Delora Call*

*My Parents, Kenton and Ailene Morris*

*By: Karen Stevens*

*Ron Nisbet*

*By: Becky Nisbet*

*Ewell & Avenelle Cummings,*

*By: Becky Nisbet*

*Linda Bias*

*By: Becky Nisbet*



# Honorary Tulips

*Christ's Death and Resurrection*

*By: Paul & Karen Turman*

*Our 35th Wedding Anniversary*

*By: Chris & Amy Jarvis*

*My Children & Grandchildren, Tamara, Philip & Gene, Ethan, Makenzi, Hunter, Miles & Roman*

*By: Bonnie Herrold*

*Eva Triplett*

*By: Terry & Robin Triplett*

*Maggie Chenoweth*

*By: Mom and Dad*

*Betty Burris*

*By: Bob, Becky & Maggie*

*Connie Gesner*

*By: Anonymous*

*Becky Chenoweth*

*By: Anonymous*

*Pat & Brenda Cornwell*

*By: Randy & Lisa Rhoades*

*Jerry & Phyllis Johnson*

*By: Randy & Lisa Rhoades*

*My Husband, Keith Ross*

*By: Malinda Ross*

*Dorothy Abbott , Joseph Henderson*

*By: Pam Henderson*

*Our Grandchildren: Lennon, Lucy, and Dylan Stead*

*By: Greg and Brenda Bunn*

*Our Children and Grandchildren*

*By: Russ & Mary Witten*

*Kerri & Mark Schneider*

*By: Jerry & Phyllis Johnson*

*Daniel, Lindsay, Piper & Cale Johnson*

*By: Jerry & Phyllis Johnson*

*Pastor Greg Markins*

*By: Anonymous*