# When Mom Retires to Arizona, the Family Florist May Be 2,000 Miles Away

*Sun City Florist builds its local flower-delivery service around a national reality: the person ordering the flowers often lives somewhere else*




NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 13, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- A daughter in Chicago wants flowers delivered to her mother in Arizona. A son in Seattle is trying to make his father's 80th birthday special. A family in the Midwest needs sympathy flowers delivered for a funeral in Sun City, but no one knows which local florist to call.

For Sun City Florist, these are not unusual orders.

They are the reason the business exists.

Serving Sun City and Sun City West, Arizona, Sun City Florist is increasingly focusing on a customer who may never set foot in Arizona: the adult child, grandchild, relative or longtime friend who needs a trusted local florist to take care of someone they love from hundreds or thousands of miles away.

The concept reflects the unusual demographics of the community. Sun City is a 55+ active-adult community and one of the country's best-known retirement destinations. U.S. Census Bureau data shows that 74.7% of Sun City residents are age 65 or older, compared with 18.9% nationally. ([Census.gov][1])

Sun City also has a unique place in American retirement history. The community opened in 1960 and is recognized locally as the nation's first master-planned active-adult community. ([Sun City

AZ][2])

More than six decades later, that retirement model has created another kind of community—one in which parents may live in Arizona while children, grandchildren and lifelong friends remain scattered throughout the United States.

The Customer Is Often Somewhere Else

"One of the things that makes Sun City Florist different is that the recipient may be local, but the person trusting us with the order often isn't," said Anthem Pleasant of Sun City Florist. "They can't walk through the door, see the flowers or personally hand them to Mom. We become their local connection."

Sun City Florist sees that pattern particularly with one-time orders.

A son or daughter searches online for a florist near their mother's Sun City home.

A family needs flowers delivered for a funeral or celebration of life.

Someone realizes an anniversary or milestone birthday is approaching and wants something delivered locally.

The customer may know very little about Sun City. What they do know is the person they care about lives there.

"We aren't simply delivering flowers from Point A to Point B," Pleasant said. "Someone in another state is trusting us to show up for them."

When the Flowers Are Really a Stand-In for You

For a long-distance customer, a flower delivery can carry more responsibility than the arrangement itself suggests.

It may be the birthday hug someone cannot deliver personally.

It may be a reminder to Mom that her children are thinking about her.

It may represent an entire family at a funeral when some relatives cannot travel to Arizona.

It may celebrate a 50th or 60th wedding anniversary from across the country.

That idea has become central to the company's mission:

Helping Life Bloom.

"Flowers have always connected people," Pleasant said. "What has changed is how far apart those people sometimes live. We want someone ordering from Boston, Minneapolis or Los Angeles to feel like they have someone here in Sun City taking care of the details."

A Florist for Milestone Years

The demographics of Sun City also mean that everyday floral occasions can look different.

Milestone birthdays may mean 70, 80, 90 or 100.

Anniversaries can celebrate half a century or more together.

Get-well flowers may be delivered to a home, hospital, rehabilitation facility or senior-living community.

Sympathy orders may require coordination with a funeral home, church, memorial service or family residence.

And some of the most meaningful deliveries have no formal occasion at all.

They simply say, "I'm thinking about you."

Sun City Florist designs arrangements for birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's Day, get-well wishes, sympathy, funerals, celebrations of life and everyday moments, with local delivery throughout Sun City and Sun City West.

Local Knowledge for a National Customer

The company's strategy is deliberately local on the delivery side and national on the customer side.

Rather than trying to become a florist everywhere, Sun City Florist wants to become easier to find and trust for anyone, anywhere, who needs flowers delivered here.

That means understanding local neighborhoods, senior communities, medical facilities, churches and funeral destinations while making the ordering process comfortable for someone who may be unfamiliar with Arizona.

"If your mother lives in Sun City, you shouldn't have to understand Sun City to send her beautiful flowers," Pleasant said. "That's our job."

America's Aging Population Makes the Story Bigger Than Sun City

Sun City's demographics may be exceptional, but the broader trend is national.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the country's population age 65 and older continues to grow, reaching 18.9% of the U.S. population in 2025, with that share projected to continue increasing in the decades ahead. ([Census.gov][3])

That means the challenge Sun City Florist sees every day—families maintaining meaningful connections across geographic distance—is likely to become increasingly familiar throughout the country.

For Sun City Florist, the answer remains decidedly personal.

One family.

One recipient.

One arrangement.

One delivery at a time.

"Wherever the sender happens to live," Pleasant said, "we want them to know they have a local florist here."

About Sun City Florist

Sun City Florist has served the Sun City area since 2019, providing handcrafted floral arrangements and local delivery throughout Sun City and Sun City West, Arizona. The company creates flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, milestone occasions, Mother's Day, get-well wishes, sympathy, funerals, celebrations of life and everyday moments.

Its mission is simple: Helping Life Bloom.

For more information or to send flowers to someone in Sun City, visit SunCityFlorists.com.

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