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Eventually, you should stop talking about the person you lost. You should get rid of their belongings and take down photos of them that you have displayed because it just makes you sad

If you don't cry after the death of a loved one, it means you don't really care

When you're grieving, you want to be left alone. You don't want your friends or family members to talk about the loss

When you start to move on with your life, it means you're forgetting about the person you lost

When you grieve, you only grieve for the person you lost

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