



# Flower Power

## Happy Birthday Blooms

(NAPSA)—Everyone has a birthstone, but did you know that we all have a birth flower? Birth flowers originated during the 1800s, when it was customary for calendars to depict each month with a specific flower or plant. Eventually, each month came to be represented by its own “birth flower.”

Nothing celebrates individuality, or says “You’re one of a kind,” like a bouquet of birthday flowers. To help get you started, here’s a list of birth flowers by month from 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

January:	Carnation
February:	Violet
March:	Daffodil
April:	Daisy
May:	Lily of the Valley
June:	Rose
July:	Sunflower
August:	Gladiolus
September:	Aster
October:	Marigold
November:	Chrysanthemum
December:	Narcissus

How do you keep beautiful birthday blooms looking fresh?



**These flowers take the cake. Actually they *are* the cake and a beautiful way to say Happy Birthday.**

Floral expert Julie McCann Mulligan of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM recommends keeping cut flowers in a cool location, away from drafts and heat sources. Recut the stems on an angle and add warm water and plant food to the vase every other day. Flowers should last approximately five to seven days if properly cared for.

You can visit [1800flowers.com](http://1800flowers.com) on the Web for beautiful selections of birthday flowers, including its signature Birthday Flower Cake.