Personal apology for expired gift

Subject: I'm so sorry about the gift - let me make this right

Dear [Name],

I am absolutely mortified to learn that the [product] I gave you as a gift had expired. When you mentioned it during our conversation, I felt terrible - this is definitely not how I wanted to celebrate [occasion].

I purchased the item from [store] with the best intentions, never thinking to check the expiration date. I realize now that I should have been more careful, especially since this was meant to be a special gift for such an important occasion.

I know this probably put you in an uncomfortable position, and I'm so sorry for that. The last thing I wanted was for my gift to cause you any trouble or disappointment.

I've already spoken with [store name] about this issue, and they're looking into how this happened.

More importantly, I'd love to make this up to you properly.

Could I take you out for [dinner/lunch] this weekend? I'd also like to get you a replacement gift - something fresh and wonderful that actually reflects how much I care about you.

I value our friendship so much, and I hope this silly mistake doesn't overshadow the sentiment behind the gift. You deserve so much better, and I promise to be more careful in the future.

Please let me know when you're free so I can properly apologize in person.

With sincere apologies,

[Your name]

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