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The Big C has encircled
one more woman, stamping
her chart terminal. A wife,
a mother, the first called
from her family.

She will also depart a sisterhood,
related only by a passion for
the soil. My family.

On learning her fate, she
knelt in her tiny garden and
stroked the petals of a rose. Her
tears fell for the flowers she
loves, the flowers she'll leave.

I weep for us all.

