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www.vba.va.gov/VBA

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1-800-772-1213
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After the funeral... where can you turn for help?

A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE ON WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE DIES

TO DO IN THE FINAL DAYS

1. Ask the person's wishes about funeral arrangements, organ donation, and burial or cremation.
2. Make sure the person has executed a last will and testament, a living will, a healthcare power of attorney, and a financial power of attorney. Know the location of the original documents. If you have questions about any of these documents, call the Law Office of Philip A. King, LLC at (614) 610-4545.
3. Know the location of life-insurance policies, financial documents, keys to safe deposit box or home safe, and prepaid burial plans.
4. Make sure the person gives copies of the health care power of attorney and living will documents to his or her doctor and a few family members or friends. Take these documents to the hospital if the person is admitted.
5. Seek support from your family, friends and spiritual leaders.

TO DO BEFORE THE FUNERAL

1. Call 911 if the person died unexpectedly at home. If the person was receiving hospice care, call the hospice nurse or agency. If the person dies in the hospital, hospital staff will advise you on what to do. If the person was an organ donor, expect any organ removal to occur at the hospital.
2. Contact close family and/or friends and the person's doctor.
3. Select a person or persons to take the lead.
4. If the person cared for dependents or pets, arrange immediately for their care.
5. Notify the person's employer.
6. Locate the last will and testament, any prepaid funeral plan, and any written instructions for funeral or memorial service arrangements, and burial or cremation arrangements. If there are no writings, ask close family and friends for their input.
7. Arrange for funeral/memorial and burial/cremation and keep all receipts of payment. If the person was in the military or belonged to a fraternal or religious group, contact that organization about possible death benefits.
8. Ask relatives and friends to serve as pallbearers, to design the funeral program, cook meals, take care of children or pets, or shop for any items needed for the funeral or household of the person.
9. Prepare an obituary and submit it to the local newspaper for publishing. The funeral home might help you with this.

TO DO AFTER THE FUNERAL

1. Get at least three duplicate death certificates from the funeral home or the Department of Vital Statistics.
2. If there is a will, contact the executor. If there is no will, decide who will be the administrator.
3. If the person received social security, notify the Social Security office.
4. Secure the home and place valuables in a secure location to prevent theft. Throw away trash and perishable food items. Do not disconnect water, gas or electricity.
5. Search the person's residence for important papers and documents.
6. Open the person's mail to discover additional assets and liabilities.
7. Contact those who might know of the person's assets and benefits – employers, financial advisers, stockbrokers, bankers, insurance agents, business partners, tax advisers, accountants, lawyers, etc.
8. Make a list of the person's assets and bills owed.
9. **Call the Law Office of Philip A. King, LLC at (614) 610-4545 to speak to a probate attorney about the best way to handle your loved one's estate.**

Revelation 21:4

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."