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Special Report: 125 Things to Know When a Death Occurs

VITAL STATISTICS OF DECEDENT

(Required for burial permit)

1. Full Legal Name
2. Home address and phone number
3. How long in state
4. Occupation & title
5. Type of business
6. Business address & phone
7. Social Security Number
8. Veterans serial number
9. Date of birth
10. Place of birth
11. Citizenship
12. Father's name
13. Father's birthplace

14. Mother's maiden name
15. Mother's birthplace
16. Religious name (if any)
17. Marital Status
18. Spouse's name (maiden if wife)

CEMETERY ARRANGEMENTS

19. Interment space
20. Endowment care
21. Vault
22. Opening & closing of grave
23. Memorial marker & inscription
24. Setting of marker

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

25. Casket
26. Initial ambulance pickup
27. Embalming & preparation
28. Restorative art
29. Cosmetology
30. Hair dressing
31. Display of flowers
32. Preparation of necessary papers
33. Legal certificates & permits
34. Memorial record book
35. Acknowledgment cards
36. Burial insurance
37. Government forms
38. Funeral coach
39. Flower car
40. Limousine for family
41. Limousine for pallbearers
42. Use of chapel

43. State showing room
44. Religious & fraternal items
45. Parking facilities
46. Music
47. News notices
48. Arrange obituaries
49. Church services
50. To have open casket?
51. Visitation hours
52. Decide on jewelry & glasses
53. Clothing for the deceased
54. Grave side services
55. Donations instead of flowers

DECIDE & ARRANGE

56. Clergy to officiate
57. Date of services
58. Time of services
59. Provide information for eulogy
60. Select pallbearers
61. Clothing for you & children
62. Preparation for family & guests
63. Transportation for family
64. Check & sign necessary papers
65. Answer phone calls & messages
66. Greet relatives & friends who call
67. For out of town relatives
68. Compile Thank You card list
69. Supervision of minor children

ASSEMBLE LEGAL DOCUMENTS

70. Order death certificates
71. Will
72. Living Trust
73. Birth certificate
74. Marriage license
75. Citizenship papers
76. Insurance policies
77. Bank books
78. Deeds to property
79. Auto Titles
80. Income tax returns
81. Veterans discharge papers
82. Disability claims
83. Cemetery deed

NOTIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

84. Family
85. Friends

86. Physician
87. Attorney
88. Employer
89. Social Security
90. Insurance Agent
91. Clubs, unions & organizations
92. Funeral Director
93. Cemetery Director
94. Clergyman
95. Banker

PREPARE TO PAY

96. Clergy
97. Clothing
98. Transportation
99. Telephone & Telegraph
100. Food
101. Physician
102. Nurses
103. Hospitals
104. Ambulance
105. Medicine & drugs
106. Burial plot
107. Funeral Director
108. Memorial marker
109. Police escort (if required)
110. Unexpected expenses

PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED

111. Grade school attended
112. High school attended
113. College attended
114. Degrees
115. Public, civic, religious positions
116. Military record
117. Citations
118. Hobbies & interests
119. Special accomplishments
120. Charitable & special wishes

SURVIVOR'S PLANS

121. Income
122. Credit
123. Emotional adjustment
124. Family adjustment
125. Budget for limited income

A person burdened with grief should not have to face these decisions without guidance.

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