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What to do after the Funeral or Memorial Service

Shortly after the funeral or memorial service, it's important to take care of certain tasks related to your financial and legal concerns. Taking care of these tasks now will avoid delays and confusion that may occur if these tasks are neglected. You may wish to handle these tasks yourself or have a family member do them. Do not assume any financial responsibility for debts without consulting with your lawyer. Check each box as you complete the task.

- Make 5 to 10 certified copies of the death certificate. These are necessary to process Social Security, financial and insurance claims.
- Contact life insurance and/or accidental death insurance companies. This may include insurance companies, motor clubs, and your loved one's employer.
- Contact your local Social Security Administration office about eligibility for benefits.
- Contact your bank or financial institution(s) about all accounts held in your loved one's name, including checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, bonds, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), or similar savings accounts. Close those accounts or transfer control to you.
- If your loved one had health insurance, notify the health insurance company.
- Contact your loved one's employer about pension benefits you may be entitled to receive.
- Notify your loved one's creditors, including any financial institutions and companies or department stores that issued loans (car loans and mortgage lender) or credit cards in your loved one's name. You may wish to cancel these cards or transfer into your name.
- Cancel any clubs, organizations and subscriptions in your loved one's name.
- Contact all companies that involve certificates of title, including titles to a home, a motor vehicle, real estate, or a recreational vehicle.
- Notify the Department of Motor Vehicles if your loved one had a valid driver's license.
- Notify utility companies like gas, electric, trash, water and phone.
- Consult with an experienced, credentialed and qualified attorney as soon as possible.
- Breathe.

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