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Things To Do After A Loved One Passes

- Notify immediate family and close friends
- Evaluate the emotional impact on the surviving spouse, children and friends
- Notify your family funeral home
- Find and review decedent's expressed funeral & burial wishes
- Arrange care for dependents, if any
- Arrange care for pets, if any
- Evaluate the need for security at the decedent's home
- Cancel or rearrange home deliveries
- Have Post Office hold all mail
- Find perishable property (food, plants, etc.) and arrange for care or disposal
- Locate safe deposit boxes
- Locate wills, codicils and trusts
- Locate life insurance policies
- Locate other important documents, relationships, accounts, investments, etc.
- Advise Social Security, Medicaid, and other agencies as appropriate
- Investigate Social Security benefits, if any
- Investigate life insurance
- Investigate union death benefits
- Investigate veterans burial allowances and benefits, if any
- Investigate fraternal organizations
- Investigate employee benefits, including accrued vacation pay, death benefits, final wages, retirement plans, deferred compensation, medical reimbursements
- Investigate refunds on insurance or cancelled subscriptions
- Investigate Keogh and IRA accounts
- Meet and retain attorney regarding estate matters if necessary
- Meet and retain CPA as to tax and accounting matters
- Deal with fire, theft, liability, and auto insurance on decedents property
- Review credit cards and charge accounts, cancel as appropriate
- DO NOT pay any of decedents debts until attorney discusses with family
- Obtain valuations of assets as appropriate
- Arrange for final income tax return and estate tax return as necessary

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