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A Full Service Mortuary

Dear Families,

We notify Social Security of the passing of your loved one. This notification is to stop the monthly payment. Unfortunately, this notification does not allow Social Security to release the death benefit of \$255 to the living spouse (who is the only one eligible for this benefit) or modify social security payments. The spouse must apply for these benefits. It is not necessary to give a death certificate to the social security office for this action to occur. We will be happy to assist your social security counselor if necessary. Minor children of the deceased may be eligible for benefits. Please contact the Social Security Office for more information (800) 772-1213.

Many family members are not sure how many death certificates they need to purchase. Since all death certificates are purchased from the County Vitals office, we are offering you these suggestions:

Agencies that will keep the Certified Death Certificate:

1 for every Life Insurance Policy

1 for every piece of real property (Land, Houses, Condos, Etc)

Agencies that will return your Death Certificate if your request them to do so:

Motor vehicle department

Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ will return the death certificate to you after viewing and coping **if you ask**

Count the number of institutions not accounts

Checking

Savings

Investments (Stocks, bonds, Etc)

Other companies that request a Death Certificate such as telephone companies, cable television companies, credit card companies which you are not responsible for, and utilities etc. should be given photocopies. We suggest you make a photocopy of the original. Then take a permanent black felt marker and cross through the social security number with the exception of the last four digits, a couple of numbers in the date of birth, a couple of numbers in the deceased address, a couple of numbers in the informants address, and the deceased mother's maiden name. Then make a copy of this newly created death certificate. (If you do not make a copy, often times it can be held up to the light and the information can be seen.) These can be given out freely as the opportunity for identity theft has been diminished and the creditor or business will still have enough information to determine the identity of the deceased.

In general, if you do not receive something of value, don't give them a certified death certificate. Give them a copy.

If we can be of further assistance in helping you, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,



"A place of Peace in your time of need."

