

END OF LIFE CHECKLIST



*K*RAMER FAMILY
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER

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If you have any questions about making arrangements, our Family Care Team is available 24/7

Immediately after a loved one passes away

- ☐ Depending where the person has passed, call:
 - Hospital or care facility: a member of staff
 - Residence: your hospice nurse or 911.
- ☐ Arrange for organ donation, if necessary
- ☐ Contact the person's immediate family
 - Important questions:
 - "Is there a will or are there any other estate documents?"
 - "Does anyone know about the wishes of the person who passed?"
- ☐ Decide between burial and cremation
 - Why direct cremation is the fastest growing choice
- ☐ Choose a service provider
 - Get an instant quote from Kramer
- ☐ Call the service provider to arrange collection

- ☐ Check that any children, dependents, or pets are being looked after
- ☐ Call close friends and extended family to let them know

Within a few days of a loved one passing away

- ☐ Complete arrangements with the funeral home
 - Researching in advance? See page 2
- ☐ Arrange for someone to look after the person's home
- ☐ Place an obituary in print or online
- ☐ Start gathering important documents:
 - ☐ Social Security card
 - ☐ Marriage certificate
 - ☐ Birth certificates (for children)
 - ☐ Insurance policies
 - ☐ Deeds and titles to property
 - ☐ Automobile title and registration papers
 - ☐ Stock certificates
 - ☐ Bank passbooks
 - ☐ Honorable discharge papers for a veteran and/or VA claim number
 - ☐ Recent income tax forms and W-2 forms
 - ☐ Loan and installment payment books and contracts

Over 15 days after a loved one passes away

- ☐ Organize the memorial or funeral service, if you plan on having one
- ☐ Scatter the ashes
 - ☐ Decide where to scatter the ashes
 - ☐ Receive permission or permits to scatter in that location
- ☐ Collect copies of death certificate from the county
 - Find out about death certificates
- ☐ Apply for benefits
 - ☐ Insurance
 - ☐ Pensions and retirement plans
 - ☐ Annuities
 - ☐ Veterans Administration benefits
 - ☐ Investments
 - ☐ Social security
- ☐ Close or redirect accounts
 - ☐ Bank accounts
 - ☐ Credit or debit cards
 - ☐ Mail through the post office
 - ☐ Digital accounts
 - ☐ Utility companies
 - ☐ Listings on credit report databases
- ☐ Meet with a probate attorney
- ☐ List all debts and bills
- ☐ Send thank you cards
- ☐ Adjust your estate plans where they relate to the person who has passed

Planning in advance?

If you're planning for a loved one who is expected to pass in the coming months, we have designed a product just for you.

1. Get a quote online
2. Complete all the legal paperwork online or by phone
3. Payment will not be taken until your loved one has passed away
4. When you need our service, simply let us know and we will take care of the rest

The convenience of a cremation plan, without the price tag.

If you have any further questions about making arrangements now, or in the future, our Care Team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.