

INFORMATION GUIDE to DEATH CERTIFICATES

You will need a certified death certificate for the following WITH the cause of death.
(Pending Death certificates from the Medical Examiner are NOT available with COD for approx.. 3 months)

_____ VETERANS – There may be a death benefit to the surviving spouse and/or dependent children. It is the family’s responsibility to apply for benefits. Please call (800)-827-1000.

_____ LIFE INSURANCE – Please contact your local agent or the insurance company for the proper claim forms.

_____ ANNUITIES – Please contact your local agent or the insurance company for the proper claim forms.

_____ FAMILY – You or your family may want to keep a certified copy of the death certificate.

***TOTAL WITH CAUSE OF DEATH -**

You will/may need a certified death certificate for the following WITHOUT the cause of death.

_____ 1 FREE VETERAN DEATH CERTIFICATE

_____ SOCIAL SECURITY – There may be a death benefit for the surviving spouse and/or dependent children. It is your family’s responsibility to contact social security. Please call (800)-772-1213

_____ BANK ACCOUNTS – Most banks will return the certified death certificate, but some will keep it.

_____ HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION – Contact your county courthouse for details.

_____ REAL ESTATE – If you own real property, you may wish to remove the deceased’s name from the deed. Contact the county courthouse for details.

_____ VEHICLES – To change titles and registration’s, go to any Florida DMV office.

_____ STOCKS/BONDS – Contact your local agent or broker for assistance.

_____ INCOME TAX RETURNS – If filing joint income tax returns, you may need a photocopy of the death certificate.

_____ UTILITIES – To change utilities into your name.

_____ CREDIT CARDS – To close accounts.

_____ ESTATE – You may wish to consult an attorney for advice regarding probate if needed.

_____ OTHER – For your family records.

***TOTAL WITHOUT CAUSE OF DEATH -**

Signature

Date