

Use our checklist here as a step-by-step guide, breaking down all the steps you need to know to help you navigate the death of your loved one.

Get a legal pronouncement of death	Dispose of any perishables left in their home,		
Start coordinating funeral home arrangements	including items in the refrigerator and freezer Notify the post office and give a forwarding address for mail Locate the following documents Will Birth Certificate Social Security Card Marriage License Deed to burial property - if pre-arranged Copy of any other funeral paperwork if prearranged Life Insurance documents - if applicable Final Steps Release and divide assets to heirs & beneficiaries Close the estate Practice self-care and allow yourself time to grieve		
Notify friends and family Notify their employer if they were employed Tend to their personal affairs Notify religious officials Consider your loved one's final wishes Consult with friends and family about funeral arrangements Publish obituary on LifeMemory.com Arrange for care of any pets and/or dependents After Funeral and Memorialization Services Get in touch with executors named in your loved one's will Meet with an accountant to discuss the estate and taxes			
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