

QUICK REFERENCE VETERAN BENEFITS

Did the Veteran die or will the Veteran die at a VA Hospital?

If so, the veteran receives:

- \$978 burial or cremation allowance (if veteran died on or after 10/1/24).
- \$978 plot allowance if they don't use a National Cemetery & they have a receipt.
- Transportation from VA hospital
- Transportation to place of burial
- Use of National Cemetery (permitted for both Veteran & spouse)

Did the Veteran die outside a VA Hospital?

If the veteran receives a VA service-connected disability pension or a monthly VA support pension, then they receive:

- \$978 burial or cremation allowance (if veteran died on or after 10/1/24).
- \$978 plot allowance if they don't use a National Cemetery & they have a receipt.
- Transportation (paid only if buried in a National Cemetery and died from a service-connected disability).
- Use of National Cemetery (permitted for Veteran & eligible spouse)

Did the Veteran receive a 100% service-connected disability pension?

- Must have died from service connection. If so, up to \$2,000 is reimbursed to family on funeral or cremation costs.
- Use of National Cemetery (permitted for Veteran & eligible spouse)

Burial in National Cemetery

All honorably discharged veterans are entitled to free grave space for the Veteran, eligible spouse, minor children up to 21-years-old and adult dependent children. Conditions to be met:

- Honorably discharged or under honorable conditions veteran serving any length of time before 9/7/80.
- Veterans entering service after this time must serve 24 months of continuous active duty or for the full time for which the person was called to active duty.



Source: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>