



## **A Family Guide & Checklist**

What to Do After a Death

Prepared with care by Jenkins Funeral Service

## **A Note About Social Security**

Our funeral home will notify the Social Security Administration on your behalf when the death certificate is filed. This means families typically do not need to make an initial notification.

However, surviving family members may still need to contact Social Security directly if they are eligible for benefits. This can include a spouse, dependent children, or in some cases, dependent parents. In most cases the SSA will reach out to eligible survivors via mail with instructions to apply for benefits.

If you are unsure whether you qualify for benefits, we are happy to help guide you or point you in the right direction.

## **Where to Begin**

**First Week:** Focus on immediate needs and allow us to handle initial notifications such as Social Security.

**First Month:** Contact financial institutions, insurance companies, and begin follow-up items if needed.

**Later Tasks:** Cancel memberships, update records, and close accounts at your own pace.

***You don't have to do everything at once we are here to help.***

## **Government Agencies**

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Social Security (handled by funeral home) SSA will contact eligible survivors via mail in most cases.	
■	Veteran's Administration	
■	Department of Motor Vehicles	
■	Board of Elections	

## **Financial Institutions**

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Banks / Credit Unions	
■	Credit Card Companies	
■	Mortgage Lenders	
■	Financial Advisors	

## Insurance & Benefits

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Life Insurance	
■	Health Insurance	
■	Auto Insurance	

## Credit Reporting Agencies

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Experian	
■	Equifax	
■	TransUnion	

## Memberships & Subscriptions

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Clubs / Organizations	
■	Gym Memberships	
■	Subscriptions	

## Digital Accounts

Done	Task	Notes / Date
■	Facebook	
■	Instagram	
■	Google / YouTube	

## Helpful Reference Guide

### **Social Security Administration**

800-772-1213 | [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **Veterans Affairs**

800-827-1000 | [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### **Experian**

888-397-3742 | [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

### **Equifax**

800-525-6285 | [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

### **TransUnion**

800-680-7289 | [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

### **Facebook Memorialization**

[www.facebook.com/help](http://www.facebook.com/help)

### **Google Accounts**

[support.google.com/accounts](http://support.google.com/accounts)

If you have any questions or would like assistance with any of these steps, please contact us.

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