

87 THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE BY THE SURVIVOR

The main purpose of this section is to call attention to the 87 decisions* that must be made by a survivor after a death. By making these important decisions now, you can minimize the emotional strain that will be placed on your survivors. * Indicates details that can be planned or pre-paid *ahead of time*.

A) Secure Vital Statistics (Required for burial permit)

- *1. Name, home address, and telephone no.
- *2. How long in State
- *3. Name of business, address and telephone no.
- *4. Occupation and title
- *5. Social Security No.
- *6. War Veterans Serial No.
- *7. Date of Death
- *8. Place of Birth
- *9. U.S. Citizen
- *10. Father's name
- *11. Father's birthplace
- *12. Mother's maiden name
- *13. Mother's birthplace
- *14. Religious name (if any)

B) Pay some or all of the following

- *15. Family burial estate
- *16. Memorials
- *17. Funeral director
- *18. Interment Service
- 19. Clergy
- 20. Florist
- 21. Clothing
- 22. Transportation
- 23. Telephone and telegraph
- 24. Food
- 25. Doctors
- 26. Nurses
- 27. Hospitals and ambulance
- 28. Medicine and drugs
- 29. Other current and urgent bills (mortgage or rent, taxes, installment payments)

C) Collect Documents (Required to establish rights for insurance, pensions, social security, ownership, relationship, etc.)

- *30. Will
- *31. Legal proof of age or birth certificate
- *32. Social Security card or number
- *33. Marriage license
- *34. Citizenship papers
- *35. Insurance policies (life, health and accident, property)
- *36. Bank books
- *37. Deeds to property
- *38. Bill of sale of car
- *39. Income tax returns, receipts or cancelled checks
- *40. Veterans discharge certificate
- *41. Disability claims
- *42. Memorial Park Certificate of Ownership

D) Decide and Arrange within a few hours

- *43. Burial estate location and which space to open
- *44. Memorial type and inscription
- *45. Casket type
- *46. Clothing for deceased
- *47. Vault or sectional crypt

- *48. Type of service (religious, military, fraternal)
- *49. Special selection from scriptures
- 50. Clergy to officiate
- 51. Which funeral director
- *52. Place where service is to be held
- 53. Time for funeral service
- *54. Decide name of charitable organization to which donations are suggested in memory of deceased
- 55. Providing information for eulogy
- 56. Select names for pallbearers
- 57. Flowers
- *58. Music
- 59. Clothing for you and children
- 60. Preparation at home, including food for family and guests
- 61. Extra chairs
- 62. Transportation for family and guests, including planning and funeral car list
- 63. Checking and signing necessary papers for burial permit
- *64. Providing vital statistics about deceased to newspapers
- *65. Providing addresses and telephone nos. for all interested people
- 66. Answering innumerable sympathetic phone calls, message, wires and letters
- 67. Meeting and talking with funeral director, cemetery representative, clergy, about all details
- 68. Greeting all friends and relatives who call
- 69. Arranging for meeting relatives who arrive from out of state at airport or railroad station
- 70. Providing lodging for out-of-town relatives
- 71. Make list of callers and floral tributes sent for mailing card of thanks
- *72. Arranging for special religious services
- *73. Check Will regarding special wishes
- 74. Order death certificate
- 75. Look after minor children

E) Notify as soon as possible

- 76. The doctor or doctors
- 77. The funeral director
- 78. The memorial park
- 79. All relatives
- 80. All friends
- 81. Employer of deceased
- 82. Employers of relatives not going to work
- 83. Casket-bearers
- 84. Insurance agents (Life & Health & Accident)
- 85. Religious, fraternal, civic, veteran organizations, unions
- 86. Newspapers regarding notices
- 87. Attorney, accountant or executor of estate

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE A HOLY
DIGNIFIED, AND PRAYERFUL
PLACE OF BURIAL THAT
HELPS THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY SEE DEATH AS A
BRIDGE TO THE COMMUNION
OF SAINTS

Mt.Olivet-Saginaw
St. Andrew-Saginaw
St.Patrick-Bay City
St. Stanislaus-Bay City
Calvary-Kawkawlin
St. Anne-Linwood
Old/New Calvary-Midland