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The 25 Documents You Need Before You Die

The Essentials

Will
Letter of Instruction
Trust Documents

Bank Accounts

List of bank accounts
List of all user names and passwords
List of safe deposit boxes

Marriage & Divorce

Marriage license
Divorce Papers

Proof of Ownership

Housing, land and cemetery deeds
Escrow mortgage accounts
Proof of loans made and debts owed
Vehicle titles
Stock certificates, savings bonds and brokerage accounts
Partnership and corporate operating agreements
Tax returns

Health-Care Confidential

Personal and family medical history
Durable health-care power of attorney
Authorization to release health-care information
Living will
Do-not-resuscitate order

Life Insurance & Retirement

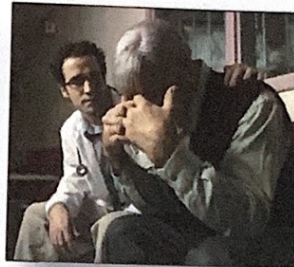
Life-insurance policies
Individual retirement accounts
401(K) accounts
Pension documents
Annuity Contracts

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Someone Has To Decide, Within A Few Days ...

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And These
Decisions Will
Have To Be Made
By The People
Who Love You.



Vital Statistics:

1. Full Legal Name
2. Home Address
3. Home Phone Number
4. How Long In State
5. Occupation and Title
6. Type of Business
7. Business Address
8. Business Phone Number
9. Social Security Number
10. Veteran's Serial Number
11. Date of Birth
12. Place of Birth
13. US Citizenship
14. Mother's Maiden Name
15. Mother's Birthplace
16. Father's Name
17. Father's Birthplace
18. Religious Name (if any)
19. Marital Status
20. Spouse's Name
(or maiden)

Cemetery Arrangements:

21. Interment Space
22. Endowment Care
23. Vault
24. Opening and Closing
of the Grave
25. Memorial Marker
26. Marker Inscription
27. Setting of the Marker
28. Sales Tax

Funeral Arrangements:

29. Casket
30. Initial Ambulance Pickup
31. Embalming and Preparation
32. Restorative Art
33. Cosmetology
34. Hairdressing
35. Display of Flowers
36. Preparation of Necessary
Papers
37. Legal Certificates and Permits
38. Memorial Record Books
39. Acknowledgement Cards
40. Insurance Forms
41. Government Forms
42. Funeral Coach

Funeral Arrangements:

43. Flower Car
44. Limousine for Family
45. Limousine for Pallbearers
46. Use of a Chapel
47. State Showing Room
48. Religious/Fraternal Items
49. Parking Facilities
50. Music
51. Visitation Hours
52. Decide on Jewelry and Glasses
53. Clothing for the Deceased
54. Graveside Services
55. Donations Instead of Flowers

Other Decisions and Arrangements

56. Clergy to Officiate
57. Time of Services
58. Provide Information for Eulogy
59. Select Pallbearers
60. Clothing for You and Children
61. Preparation at Home Including Food
for You and Guests
62. Transportation for Family and Guests
63. Check and Sign Necessary Papers
64. Answer Calls and Messages
65. Greet Friends and Relatives That Call
66. Arrange to Meet and Lodge
Out-Of-Town Relatives
67. Complete Thank-You Card List
68. Notify Family and Friends
69. Look After Minor Children
70. Order Death Certificates

71. Payment For Services, In Full

Collection of Legal Documents:

72. Will
73. Birth Certificate
74. Social Security Number
75. Marriage License
76. Citizenship Papers
77. Insurance Policies
78. Bank Books
79. Deeds to Property
80. Auto Ownership
81. Income Tax Returns
82. Veteran's Discharge Papers
83. Disability Claims
84. Cemetery Deed

People to Notify

85. Doctor or Doctors
86. Attorney
87. Employer
88. Insurance Agent
89. Clubs, Unions & Organizations
90. Funeral Director
91. Cemetery Director
92. Creditors
93. Employers of Relatives Not Going
to Work
94. Clergymen
95. Banker

Bills To Pay:

96. Clergy
97. Clothing
98. Transportation
99. Telephone
100. Food
101. Doctors
102. Nurses
103. Hospitals
104. Ambulance
105. Medicine and Drugs
106. Burial Estate
107. Funeral Director
108. Memorial Marker
109. Police Escort (if required)

Personal Data of Deceased:

110. Grade School Attended
111. High School Attended
112. College Attended
113. Degrees
114. Public, civic, religious offices or
positions held
115. Military Record
116. Citations
117. Hobbies and Interests
118. Special Accomplishments
119. Charitable and Special Wishes

Future Plans:

120. Income
121. Credit
122. Emotional Adjustment
123. Family Adjustment
124. Rebudget for Spousal Income Loss