



# *Losing a Loved One*

## **A Resource Guide**

We understand losing a loved one is difficult and the process of what to do afterward may be overwhelming. This guide provides resources on probate and wills, final arrangements, death certificates, potential financial assistance, and ways to help with grief.

# Where to Start

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## Practical Steps to take After Death

[www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/after-death.htm](http://www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/after-death.htm)

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## State of Alaska Probate Court

Your loved one may have left a will. Call the Anchorage office to find out: (907) 261-0433.

**Information about probate and estates:**

<https://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/index.htm>

**Search Alaska court records:**

[records.courts.alaska.gov/eaccess/home.page.2](http://records.courts.alaska.gov/eaccess/home.page.2)

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## Bureau of Indian Affairs Real Estate Services

- [www.bia.gov/regional-offices/alaska/real-estate-services](http://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/alaska/real-estate-services)
- To learn if your loved one owned land, call (907) 271-4104 (Anchorage) or 1-800-645-8465 (toll-free)

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## Planning Guides & Checklists

**TIAA's guide:** "After a Loved One Passes Away" - [www.tiaa.org/public/pdf/After-a-Loved-One-Passes-Away.pdf](http://www.tiaa.org/public/pdf/After-a-Loved-One-Passes-Away.pdf)

**AARP's checklist:** What to Do After When a Loved One Dies -

[www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2020/when-loved-one-dies-checklist.html](http://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2020/when-loved-one-dies-checklist.html)

# Obtaining a Death Certificate

## State of Alaska, Division of Public Health (formerly Vital Statistics)

- Fill out this form: [health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/death/death\\_form.pdf](http://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/death/death_form.pdf)
- Call (907) 269-0991 (Anchorage area)
- Call (907) 465-3391 (Juneau office)
- For more information, visit: [health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/default.aspx](http://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/default.aspx)

## How many copies will I need?

The number of certified copies you will need may vary, but it's helpful to keep in mind the following entities that may require an original or copy of the death certificate:

- Alaska Native village and regional corporations to complete a transfer of eligible shares to heirs
- Tribal organizations of which your loved one was enrolled
- Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions
- Insurance companies
- Retirement accounts
- State of Alaska (Permanent Fund, DMV, etc.)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Social Security Administration

This list is not exhaustive and may vary from person to person. Funeral directors will often help in obtaining a death certificate for your loved one.

**If your loved one held Class A original shares in Olgoonik Corporation**, please provide OC Stock with the death certificate as soon as you can. Contact OC Stock with any questions about the process of transferring shares to a shareholder's surviving heirs.

# Final Arrangements

## State of Alaska, Division of Public Health

List of Alaska funeral homes:

[health.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Documents/funeral\\_homes.pdf](http://health.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Documents/funeral_homes.pdf)

Frequently Asked Questions:

[health.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Pages/faqs.aspx#faq](http://health.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Pages/faqs.aspx#faq)

## Federal Trade Commission

Information on your rights with funerals: [consumer.ftc.gov/articles/ftc-funeral-rule](http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/ftc-funeral-rule)

## Caskets & Cremation Information

Legacy Affordable Burial: [www.legacyaffordableburialandcremation.com/caskets](http://www.legacyaffordableburialandcremation.com/caskets)

Costco: [www.costco.com/funeral.html](http://www.costco.com/funeral.html)

Alaskan Funerals: [www.alaskanfuneral.com](http://www.alaskanfuneral.com)

## Obituary & Bulletin Help

[www.obituaryguide.com](http://www.obituaryguide.com)

[www.funeralbasics.org/write-greatobituary\\_](http://www.funeralbasics.org/write-greatobituary_)

Free bulletin templates: [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

# Grief Assistance

## Alaska Care Line

- Call 1-877-266-4357 (toll-free, anytime)
- Text 4help to 839863 (3pm-11pm, Tu-Sat)

## Southcentral Foundation Behavioral Health

Call (907) 729-2500

## Providence Behavioral Health

- [/www.providence.org/locations/ak/behavioral-health-anchorage](http://www.providence.org/locations/ak/behavioral-health-anchorage)
- Call (907) 212-6900

## Hospice of Anchorage

- [www.hospiceofanchorage.org](http://www.hospiceofanchorage.org)
- Call (907) 561-5322

## NSB Integrated Behavioral Health Department

Call (907) 852-0366

## Alaska Life Donor Services

- [www.lifealaska.org/support/online\\_bereavement\\_support\\_services.html](http://www.lifealaska.org/support/online_bereavement_support_services.html)
- Call 1-800-719-5433 (toll-free)

# Financial Assistance

## **ASNA BIA Burial Assistance Program**

- [arcticslope.org/services/socialservices/bia-burial-assistance](http://arcticslope.org/services/socialservices/bia-burial-assistance)
- Call 1-800-478-3033 (toll-free) or (907) 852- 9153

## **State of Alaska:**

### **General Relief/Burial and**

### **Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance (terminally ill)**

- [dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra/default.aspx](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra/default.aspx)
- Northern-Fairbanks: (907) 451-2850 or 1-800-478-2850
- Southcentral-Anchorage, Muldoon: (907) 269-0001 or 1-888-876-2477
- Southcentral-Wasilla: (907) 376-3903 or 1-800-478-7778

## **Cook Inlet Tribal Council (Anchorage)**

- [citci.org/employmenttraining/burial-assistance](http://citci.org/employmenttraining/burial-assistance)
- Call (907) 793-3300

## **Tanana Chiefs Conference (Fairbanks)**

- [www.tananachiefs.org/services/tcc\\_tanf](http://www.tananachiefs.org/services/tcc_tanf)
- Call 1-800-478-6822 (toll-free) or (907) 452-8251 ext. 3390

## **U.S. Dept. Veteran's Affairs Burial Allowance**

[www.va.gov/burialsmemorials/veterans-burial-allowance](http://www.va.gov/burialsmemorials/veterans-burial-allowance)

Call 800-8271000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. EST)

## **Social Security Administration**

- [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10008.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10008.pdf)
- [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)
- Call 1-800-772-1213 (toll-free) or 1-800-328-0778 (TTY for deaf or hard of hearing)

## **SCF Alaska Native Resource Advocate**

For additional resource help for those outside of Alaska

- [www.southcentralfoundation.com/services/anhrap](http://www.southcentralfoundation.com/services/anhrap)
- Call 1-866-575-6757

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