



This book is intended to be an aid to those who are facing the loss of a loved one or the end of their own life. My hope is that you will find it valuable to go through these pages with your loved ones and find joy in reliving memories and find peace of mind knowing you have a plan for the work that is to come.

Thank you for your interest in this book. My goal is to provide something valuable. To that end, I welcome any feedback you might have. Fee free to email me at:

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#### **DISCLAIMER**

This document is not a substitute to legal advice. If you have questions about the probate process, wills, or trusts or simply want to talk through it, call me.

This document is not a substitute for spiritual advice. If you have any questions about that there is a list of resources for you at the end of this document.



#### Checklist (Preparing for the Loss of a Loved One

- Go through your loved one's belongings. Spend the time to talk with them about photos, cards, letters, and mementos. This can be valuable time spent.
- Store your loved ones valuables in a safe location. Make sure you have permission to do so. It is also valuable to do so along with other interested people so everyone is on the same page.
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- 4. If your loved one has a cognitive disease, go through: pockets of all clothing, purses, bags, boxes, magazines, books, freezer, and any other odd place.
- 5. Dispose of all food in the house.
- 6. Properly dispose of medications.
- 7. If you are going to sell the house, make sure you keep the landscaper.
- 8. Remember to eat. This is a busy time and full of grief, schedule time for meals.
- 9. Let your friends and family help. They love you and you can give them an opportunity to show it.
- 10. Be patient.
- 11. If you are not the personal representative for the will or the trustee, you can question them about what they are doing and why. You can ask them for an accounting.
- 12. You must get a **permit** from the funeral director if you are going to keep any amount of your loved one's ashes.
- 13. Bring someone you trust with you to the mortuary to help you fill out paperwork. If you are grieving you will need someone to go over documents and make sure they are filled out correctly. You will be glad for the company as well.
- 14. **Save receipts.** Even if they took care of "everything," there will likely be expenses. Have your credit card or check book ready. The personal representative should reimburse you for any expenses.

# **My Information**

Full Legal Name:		
AKA:		
Maiden Name:		
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):	
Mother's Name:		
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):	
Father's Name:		
Enrolled in Medicare (Y/N):	Medicare N	umber:
Effective Date: Part A: _	Part B:	Part D:
SSN:	Receiving So	ocial Security Benefits (Y/N):
Start Date:	Monthly Be	nefit:
Spousal Benefits (Y/N):	Monthly Benefit:	Direct Deposit (Y/N):
Driver License Number:	State	e: Expires:
U.S. Passport (Y/N):	Expires:	Restrictions:



# **Husband/Wife Information**

Spouse Name:				Annive	ersary:	
DOB:		Place	of Birth (Cit	y/State):		
SSN:						
Former Spouse:					DOB:	
Divorced:	Date:		Died:	_ Date:		
Former Spouse:					DOB:	
Divorced:	Date:		Died:	_ Date:		
Former Spouse:					DOB:	
Divorced:	Date:		Died:	_ Date:		
						Siblings
Name:					DOB:	
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# Children

Full Legal Name:		_
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):	_
Phone:	Email:	_
Full Legal Name:		
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):	
Phone:	Email:	_
Full Legal Name:		
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):	
Phone:	Email:	_
Full Legal Name:		
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	Place of Birth (City/State):	
Phone:	Email:	

# Nieces/Nephews/Grandchildren

Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:
Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:
Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:
Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:
Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:
Full Legal Name:	
DOB:	Place of Birth (City/State):
Phone:	Email:

Notes:	
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# **Non-Emergency Contacts**

Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
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Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Name:	
Phone:	Email:

### **Emergency Contacts**

# Email: Financial Power of Attorney: Phone: Email: **Medical Power of Attorney:** Name: Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney: Email: **Financial Advisor:** Email: **Life Insurance Company:** Name: Email:

Personal Representative (for Will or Trust):

Mortuary:		
Name:		
Phone:	Email:	
Medicare:		
Website: www.medicare.gov	Phone: 1-800-MEDICARE	
CMS: www.cms.gov		
Medicare Number:		
Medicare Username:		
Medicare Password:		
Social Security:		
Website: www.ssa.gov	Phone: 1-800-772-1213	
Social Security Number:		
Social Security Username:		
Social Security Password:		
Veterans Affairs:		
Website: www.va.gov	Phone: 1-800-698-2411	
ID Number:		



# **Information**

Bank:	Banker:
Type of Account:	Account #
Address:	
Phone:	
Bank:	
Type of Account:	Account #
Address:	
Phone:	
Bank:	
Type of Account:	Account #
Address:	
Phone:	
Bank:	Banker:
Type of Account:	Account #
Address:	
Phone:	
Bank:	Banker:
Type of Account:	Account #
Address:	
Phone:	

### **Investment Accounts**

401K-IRA-403B-457B-Roth-Annuities-&c

Company:	
Account Number:	
Financial Advisor:	
Beneficiary:	
Company:	
Account Number:	Type of Account:
Financial Advisor:	
Beneficiary:	
Company:	
Account Number:	Type of Account:
Financial Advisor:	
Beneficiary:	
Company:	
Account Number:	Type of Account:
Financial Advisor:	
Beneficiary:	
Company:	
Account Number:	Type of Account:
Financial Advisor:	
Beneficiary:	

### **Credit Cards**

Carrier:	Account #	
Name on Card:		
	Account #	
Name on Card:		
Carrier:	Account #	
Name on Card:		
	Account #	
Name on Card:		
Carrier:	Account #	
Name on Card:		
Carrier:	Account #	
Name on Card:		
Carrier:	Account #	
Carrier:	Account #	
Name on Card:		



# Safe Deposit Box/Safe

Bank:	Box Number:	
Address:		
Phone:	Location of Key:	
Contents:		
Bank:	Box Number:	
Address:		
Phone:	Location of Key:	
Contents:		
Personal Safe:		
Location:	Combination:	
Contents:		
Other People with Access:		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

# **Insurance Policies**

Life Insurance Company:	
Type of Policy:	Expires:
Coverage Amount:	Policy #
Claim Contact:	Phone:
Life Insurance Company:	
Type of Policy:	Expires:
Coverage Amount:	Policy #
Claim Contact:	Phone:
Long Term Care Insurance Cor	mpany:
Owner of Policy:	Expires:
Coverage Amount:	Policy #
Claim Contact:	Phone:
Health Insurance Company: Type:	
	Medicare Medicare Advantage Other
Effective Date:	Network Restrictions: Y N
	HMO PPO
Deductible: N	Max Out of Pocket:
Policy #	Phone:

<b>Dental Insurance Company:</b>			
Effective Date:	Deductible: _		_ Max. Coverage Amount:
Policy#		Phone: _	
Medicare Part D Rx Compan	y:		
Effective Date:	Premium: _		Deductible:
Policy #		Phone: _	
Homeowner/Rental Insuran	ce Company: _		
Effective Date:	Premium: _		Deductible:
Policy #		Phone: _	
Auto Insurance Company: _			
Effective Date:	Premium: _		Deductible:
Policy#		Phone: _	
Company:			
Effective Date:	Premium: _		Deductible:
Policy#		Phone: _	
Company:			
Effective Date:	Premium:		Deductible:
Policy #		Phone: _	

# Real Property Information

#### **Personal Residence**

Address:	
Own: Rent:	
Mortgage Company:	Phone:
Account #	Loan Amount:
Name on Deed:	
Property Management Company:	
Name(s) on Rental Agreement:	
Contact:	Phone:
Alarm Keypad Location:	Code:
Alarm Company:	Phone:
Password:	
Addition Property	
Address:	
Date Purchased:	Purchase Price:
Name(s) on Deed:	
Property Management Company:	
Alarm Keypad Location:	Code:
Alarm Company:	Phone:
Password:	

Address:		
Date Purchased:	Purchase Price:	
Name(s) on Deed:		
Property Management Company:		
Alarm Keypad Location:	Code:	
Alarm Company:	Phone:	
Password:		
Address:		
Date Purchased:	Purchase Price:	
Name(s) on Deed:		
Property Management Company:		
Alarm Keypad Location:	Code:	
Alarm Company:	Phone:	
Password:		
Address:		
Date Purchased:	Purchase Price:	
Name(s) on Deed:		
Property Management Company:		
Alarm Keypad Location:	Code:	
Alarm Company:	Phone:	
Password:		

### **Utilities**

Electric Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Gas Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Water Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Phone Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
PIN: Password	:
Landscaper:	Account #
Days Scheduled:	Phone:
Pool Service:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Alarm Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Code/PIN: Pa	ssword:



Internet Provider:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
WIFI PIN/Password:	
Trash Company:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:
Cable Provider:	Account #
Name on Account:	Phone:



### **Income Sources**

Social Security Benefit: \$	
SS Portal Name:	Password:
Employee Pension Company:	
Employee ID:	Website:
Username:	Password:
Contact:	Phone:
Monthly Pension Amount: \$	Beneficiary:
Employee Pension Company:	
Employee ID:	Website:
Username:	Password:
Contact:	Phone:
Monthly Pension Amount: \$	Beneficiary:
Company Residuals:	
Employee ID:	Website:
Username:	Password:
Contact:	Phone:
Residuals Will Continue Through:	



# **Vehicles**

Make/Model/Year:			
VIN:		License Plate #	State:
Name on Title:			
Financing Company:		Account #	
Payment Amount:		Due Date:	
Phone:			
Key Fob (Y/N):	Door Entry Code:	Location of Keys:	
Make/Model/Year:			
VIN:		License Plate #	State:
Name on Title:			
Financing Company:		Account #	
Payment Amount:		Due Date:	
Phone:			
Key Fob (Y/N):	Door Entry Code:	Location of Keys:	
Make/Model/Year:			
VIN:		License Plate #	State:
Name on Title:			
Financing Company:		Account #	
Payment Amount:		Due Date:	
Phone:			
Key Fob (Y/N):	Door Entry Code:	Location of Keys:	

Make/Model/Year: _			
VIN:		License Plate #	State:
Name on Title:			
Financing Company:		Account #	
Payment Amount:		Due Date:	
Phone:			
Key Fob (Y/N):	Door Entry Code:	Location of Keys:	
Make/Model/Year: _			
		License Plate #	
Name on Title:			
Financing Company:		Account #	
Payment Amount:		Due Date:	
Phone:			
Key Fob (Y/N):	Door Entry Code:	Location of Keys:	

#### **Location of Titles and Records:**

It can make title transfer easier to store a signed copy of the title in a **safe location**. DO NOT EVER store a signed titled in your car.



# **Legal Documents**

Financial Power of Attorney:		
Name:	Phone Number:	Date:
Document Location:		
Healthcare Power of Attorney:		
Name:	Phone Number:	Date:
Document Location:		
Mental Health Power of Attorno	ey:	
Name:	Phone Number:	Date:
Document Location:		
Living Will:		
Location:	Date:	
DNR (Do Not Resuscitate):		
Location:	Date:	
Trust/Last Will & Testament:		
Location:	Date:	
Have any of the documents bee	n registered with the Arizona S	secretary of State's Office?
https://azsos.gov/services/adva	nce-directives	
User ID:	Password:	

# **Medical Caregivers**

Primary Care Physician:	
Office:	Phone:
Specialist:	
Office:	Phone:
Specialist:	
Office:	Phone:
Specialist:	
Office:	Phone:
Specialist:	
Office:	Phone:
Home Health Care:	
Office:	Phone:
Pharmacy:	
Office:	Phone:
Caregiver:	
Office:	Phone:
Caregiver Days: Sun M Tu W Th	F Sat
Time:	

# Loans

Home Loan Company:			
Account #			
Home Loan Company:			
Account #	Balance:	Date:	
Auto Loan Company:	Vehicle:		
Account #	Balance:	Date:	
Auto Loan Company:	Vehicle:		
Account #	Balance:	Date:	
Auto Loan Company:	Vehicle:		
Account #	Balance:	Date:	
Personal Loan Company:			
Account #	Balance:	Date:	
Judgment:	Case #		
Court:	Contact:	Phone:	
Date:	Amount:		
Medical Bills:			



### **Monies Owed Me**

Personal Loan	n:		
Loan Amount:	\$		Phone:
Personal Loan	ı:		
Loan Amount: \$			Phone:
Judgment:			
Judgment Date:			Case #
Amount: \$			Phone:
Refund From:			For:
Mail:	Direct Deposit	::	
Visa:	Amex:	Discover:	Mastercard:
Refund From:			For:
Mail:	Direct Deposit	::	
Visa:	Amex:	Discover:	Mastercard:
Refund From:			For:
Mail:	Direct Deposit	::	
Visa:	Amex:	Discover:	Mastercard:

# **Items Borrowed/Loaned**

Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
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Item:	Location:
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Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:
Item:	Location:
Who:	Phone:

# Social Media/Email

Email:	Password:	
Email:	Password:	
Facebook Username:		
Email:	Password:	
Instagram Username:		
Email:	Password:	
Snapchat Username:		
Email:	Password:	
LinkedIn Username:		
Email:	Password:	
Other:		
Email:	Password:	
Other:		
Email:	Password:	
Other:		
Email:	Password:	

### **Firearms**

Firearm:	Location:	
Safe Combination:	Serial Number:	
Firearm:	Location:	
Safe Combination:	Serial Number:	
Firearm:	Location:	
Safe Combination:	Serial Number:	
Firearm:	Location:	
Safe Combination:	Serial Number:	
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Safe Combination:	Serial Number:	

Once you are through the initial stages and past the funeral you will need to settle the estate and tie up loose ends.

#### 1. Request Death Certificates

Contact the office of Vital Statistics in the state where your loved one died. Get several copies of the death certificates. Here is a list of things that may require a death certificate:

- Taxes
- Social Security
- VA Benefits
- Auto/Boat/Trailer transfer
- Employment Benefits
- Real Property
- Insurance Claims
- Stock/401K/IRA Transfer
- Bank Accounts/Safety Deposit Box
- Credit Cards/Loans
- Mortgage Insurance
- Attorneys
- Welfare Benefits
- Power of Attorney
- Personal Representative

The funeral home or funeral director oftentimes will provide the death certificate.

#### 2. Probate the Estate

If the decedent left a will then there should be a named personal representative whose has the responsibility of carrying out final wishes and distributing property. If your loved one died without a will, then state law provides who can serve as the personal representative. The personal representative should obtain letters of testamentary.

#### 3. Notify Financial Institutions

- Insurance companies where decedent had a policy Claim death benefits
  - Employer plans
  - Individually owned policies
  - Mortgage Insurance
  - Banks
  - Credit Card Companies

- Savings Accounts
- Investment Accounts
- Pension Accounts
- Health insurance
- Mortgage Company
- Loan Providers
- Credit Bureaus

Notifying these institutions may put a freeze on the account. Prepare for any hardship this might cause.

#### 4. Contact Service Providers

Contact any utility companies to change or discontinue service.

- Television
- Internet
- Phone
- Electric
- Water
- Gas
- Lawn care

Review bank or credit card statements and look for any memberships that need to be cancelled (gym, Netflix, etc).

#### 5. Notify Government Agencies

- Social Security the surviving spouse or children may qualify for a death benefit.
- Veterans Administration if the decedent was a veteran, again there may be benefits available.
- Motor Vehicle Division
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Other



### **Task Checklist**

1	Date Completed:
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31	Date Completed:
32	Date Completed:
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34	Date Completed:
35	Date Completed:
36	Date Completed:
37	Date Completed:
38	Date Completed:
39	Date Completed:
40	Date Completed:
41	Date Completed:

#### Resources

#### Legal:

Walker Law PLLC Stephen Walker – Principal (602) 540-6803 stephen@spwalkerlaw.com

Maricopa County Probate Court
201 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003
https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc/resources/

#### Spiritual:

Grace Bible Church 7440 South Priest Drive Tempe, AZ 85283

(480) 968-6085 info@gbcaz.org

https://www.gbcaz.org/our-leadership/pastor-elder-leadership/

Northwest Community Church 16615 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85053

(602) 978-2740 info@nccphx.org

https://www.nccphx.org/leadership/

