

## Losing a Loved One Checklist

- $\Box$  Original copy of death certificate
- □ Will
- $\hfill\square$  Property deeds, titles, and documentation
- $\hfill\square$  Divorce or child support documents
- □ Military discharge papers
- □ Insurance policies
- $\Box$  Trust documents
- □ Social Security numbers (yours and the deceased's)
- □ Marriage certificate
- $\hfill\square$  Birth certificates of minor children
- □ Credit card account numbers and statements
- $\Box$  Certificates of deposit
- $\Box$  Real estate deeds
- □ Mortgage and other loan statements
- □ Retirement account statements (IRAs, 401(k)s, pension plans)
- □ Non-retirement account statements (brokerage, mutual fund, annuities, etc.)
- $\Box$  Current bank statements
- □ Employer equity compensation plan statements (stock options, restricted stock)
- $\Box$  Health insurance policies
- □ Household budget documents (utility and service bills)
- $\hfill\square$  Beneficiary information on financial accounts and insurance
- $\Box$  Tax records
- $\Box$  Vehicle records including titles and loan documents

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## Steps to Consider in The First 2 Weeks

- $\hfill\square$  Find the will and submit to probate
- $\hfill\square$  Locate trust documents and insurance policies
- $\Box$  Contact Transference, financial advisor and tax advisor
- $\Box$  Get legal and tax advice for your own personal situation
- □ Forward mail
- □ Contact the Social Security Administration
- □ Contact employer about benefits and workplace savings plans; if there is an equity compensation plan, ask about time-sensitive elements
- $\Box$  Ask the employer about continuing medical benefits
- □ For private health insurance policies, contact the insurance company to remove your loved one from a family policy, buy a new policy, or cancel a policy
- $\Box$  Contact Medicare if applicable
- □ If there are minor children, notify their school

## Steps to Consider in Months 1-3

- $\Box$  Pay special attention to IRAs
- $\hfill\square$  Notify banks, brokerages, and other financial institution
- □ Contact credit card companies
- $\hfill\square$  The executor may need to open a bank account for the estate
- $\hfill\square$  Contact other lenders, for instance if there is a car loan
- □ Contact insurances, including life insurance, home, auto, and personal property
- □ Contact the mortgage company, if applicable
- $\hfill\square$  Cancel memberships, subscriptions, and services
- □ Notify the 3 credit bureaus

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