

Sudden Loss Support – Final Arrangements

National Assistance

Social Security:

Contact Social Security as soon as possible or provide the social security number to the Funeral Director who will report to Social Security. Surviving spouse or child may receive \$255. Certain family members may be eligible to receive monthly benefits. You may contact Social Security toll-free, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Go to www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.

Veterans:

The federal VA will pay an amount of the funeral expenses that depend on the circumstances of the Veteran's death. [Learn more here.](#)

Carson's Village:

Helps families get organized after the sudden loss of a loved one.

- Languages: English, Spanish
- Cost: Free Coverage
- Covers residents of All 50 states

<https://carsonsvillage.org/contact-us/>

Kaden's Cause:

Supports families affected by the tragedy of losing a child, assist low-wealth individuals and families with funding to cover funeral/cremation, cemetery, and monument costs, and spread kindness throughout our communities in honor of Kaden.

<https://www.kadenscause.org/>

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Kentucky

While there isn't a statewide funeral assistance program, some counties may provide help at a local level, often not exceeding \$1,000. To find out if your county offers such assistance, it's recommended to get in touch with the local coroner's office. Additional information below may be helpful.

Veteran Services:

Veterans, service members, spouses and dependents may be eligible for burial in state veteran's cemeteries and with assistance through the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. More information: <https://veterans.ky.gov/Cemeteries/pages/indigent-burial.aspx>

Jefferson County

Catholic Charities

Every individual that qualifies for the Indigent Burial Program receives a dignified and respectful service surrounded by compassionate volunteers and community members. All individuals that live and pass away in Jefferson County and are in financial duress may be eligible for the program. It is an application process and individuals can be turned away based on the decedent's finances as well as the family's ability to pay. Next-of-kin may choose between cremation and burial in their cemetery, Meadow View, located off Dixie Highway, just south of Snyder Freeway. For cremations, next-of-kin are the only ones that can authorize the process.

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Indigent Program:

For indigent residents with no next of kin permanently residing in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Mobile: (502) 523-2178

Bellarmino St. Joseph of Arimathea Society: www.knightsmedianetwork.org

Jefferson County Coroner:

10511 La Grange Road Bingham Building Louisville, KY 40223

Administrative Primary Phone: (502) 574-6262

Fax: (502) 574-5355

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<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/coroner>

Additional Options:

B&G Mortuary 502-773-5469

Magnolia Cremations 812-913-0044

Neptune Society 502-423-3837

Fayette County:

Fayette County Coroner's Office (859) 455-5700

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/fayette-county-coroners-office>

Additional Options

Care Cremation Service & Funeral Home

(859) 388-9442 <https://www.carecremationservice.com>

Eastern Kentucky Area:

Southeastern Mortuary Services

(606) 305-7780 <https://southeastmortuary.com/>

Western Kentucky Area:

Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home (270) 886-9451 <https://www.hbgfuneral.com/>

Indiana:

Indiana offers a Burial Assistance Program to help with burial costs for eligible individuals in specific categories of Medicaid and may cover up to \$1,500 for funeral or cremation services. For more info or to apply, you can contact the local Medicaid office, or reach out to the FSSA Burial Claims Office via phone at 317-234-1412 or email at IndianaBurialClaims@fssa.in.gov. Additionally, township trustees may offer further assistance to qualified residents.

New Albany Township Trustee-Floyd County, Indiana

2608 Charlestown Road Suite D Colonial Manor New Albany, IN 47150

Administrative Primary Phone: (502) 305-6290

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<https://www.natownshiptrustee.org>

New Albany Township Assistance Program - Floyd County, Indiana

Burial Services

Administrative Primary Phone: (502) 305-6290

West Virginia

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) provides a Burial Assistance Program that assists with payments up to \$1,000 toward the cost of funeral expenses for those who qualify. To be eligible, they must have been a resident of West Virginia at the time of death, and their resources must be considered when determining eligibility. For more information or to apply for the program, you can visit the [WVDHHR's Burial Program](#) page.

Veterans:

Learn more about Veteran Assistance here: [Veteran Burial Benefits \(wv.gov\)](#)