

At Sunshine Cremation Services, we know what to do After the Funeral.

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Social Security Administration

What death benefits are available from Social Security?

Some of the deceased's family members may be able to receive Social Security benefits if the deceased person worked long enough under Social Security to qualify for benefits. Benefits may include:

- ❖ A one-time payment of \$255 can be paid to the surviving spouse if he or she was living with the deceased; or, if living apart, was receiving certain Social Security benefits on the deceased's record. If there is no surviving spouse, the payment is made to a child who is eligible for benefits on the deceased's record in the month of death.

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Certain family members may be eligible to receive monthly benefits, including:

- ❖ A widow or widower age 60 or older (age 50 or older if disabled);
- ❖ A surviving spouse at any age who is caring for the deceased's child under age 16 or disabled;
- ❖ An unmarried child of the deceased who is younger than age 18 (or age 18 or 19 if he or she is a full-time student in an elementary or secondary school); or age 18 or older with a disability that began before age 22;
- ❖ Parents, age 62 or older, who were dependent on the deceased for at least half of their support; and
- ❖ A surviving divorced spouse, under certain circumstances.

You may apply for benefits by calling **1-800-772-1213** or by visiting your local Social Security office. An appointment is not required.

More information is available on to the Social Security Administration website

www.socialsecurity.gov

Who to Notify

Credit Reporting Agencies

To minimize the chance of identity theft, provide copies of the death certificate to the three major firms as soon as possible.

Equifax	888-548-7878
Experian	888-397-3742
TransUnion	800-916-8800

Terminate Insurance Policies

Contact all the insurance companies you are aware of from the deceased records.

- Homeowner's
- Auto
- Health
- Life Insurance

Close the following

- Bank Accounts – will need to bring an original copy of the death certificate
- Safety Deposit Box - will need to bring an original copy of the death certificate
- Investment Accounts - will need to bring an original copy of the death certificate
- Credit Card Accounts – change or re-establish joint accounts
- Cell Phone – turn off
- Internet / Cable – turn off or change name on account
- DMV – change title to cars or other vehicles. Do the same for watercraft with the appropriate agency