

# Certified Copies of Death Certificate

## I Need a Copy

Certified copies of the death certificate are not required to claim social security, "lump sum benefits" or to apply for "survivor benefits." Only a "verification of death" is required. Your Funeral Director will automatically supply this at no charge.

Certified copies of the Death Certificate may be required for the following transactions.

- The transfer of an individual CHECKING ACCOUNT or a "Joint" checking account if it is in the name of more than one person without "or" "and/or" appearing in the account's ownership.
- Transfer of an individual SAVINGS ACCOUNT or a "Joint" savings account if it is not an "and/or" account.
- Transfer of an individual SAFE DEPOSIT BOX or a safe deposit box in the name of other parties unless the ownership is taken as "or".
- Transfer of each TITLE OF REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP. This applies to property with the title taken as "Joint Tenancy with the Right of Survivorship."
- Transfer of each TITLE OF OWNERSHIP for all registered motor vehicles. (Multiple names on the title does not apply if the words "or" "and/or" appear on the title between the names of the registered owners.)
- One for each LIFE INSURANCE POLICY claim. (If there are multiple policies with one single company, a separate certified copy of the death certificate may be required for each policy number.)
- One for each claim for BURIAL or FUNERAL INSURANCE plan.
- One for each death benefit claim from a UNION.
- Transfer of ownership of STOCK. One for each transaction of the stock is sold or transferred separately.
- Transfer or redemption of BONDS.
- Transfer or redemption of TREASURY BILLS (T-Bills).
- Transfer or redemption of CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CD'S).
- Transfer or redemption of MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS.
- To "roll-over" an IRA account.

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