

# 67 THINGS YOU WILL HAVE TO DO ON THE MOST DIFFICULT DAY OF YOUR LIFE!

## **NOTIFY IMMEDIATELY**

1. The doctor or doctors
2. The funeral director
3. The cemetery
4. All relatives
5. All friends
6. Employer of deceased
7. Employers of relatives missing work
8. Insurance agents (life, health, etc.)
9. Organizations (religious, civic, etc.)
10. Newspapers for obituaries

## **DECIDE AND ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY**

11. Select funeral director
12. Select cemetery
13. Purchase burial property
14. Select casket
15. Select vault
16. Arrange type of service (military, etc.)
17. Decide location of services
18. Select clergy to officiate
19. Provide information for eulogy
20. Select flowers
21. Arrange for music and visitation
22. Select memorial
23. Provide obituary to newspaper
24. Answer calls, messages, and letters
25. Get addresses for thank you cards
26. Meet with funeral director
27. Check and sign burial permit
28. Arrange for special memorial services
29. Check the will for special wishes
30. Order death certificate
31. Look after house and children

## **SECURE VITAL STATISTICS**

*All of this information is required for the Death Certificate issued by the Board of Health:*

32. Name, home address, & telephone
33. How long in state

34. Name of business, address, & phone
35. Occupation and title
36. Social Security Number
37. Veteran's Serial Number
38. Date of birth
39. Place of birth
40. U.S. citizenship
41. Father's name
42. Father's birthplace
43. Mother's maiden name
44. Mother's birthplace
45. Religious name (if any)

## **COLLECT DOCUMENTS**

*All of this information is required to establish rights for insurance, pension, Social Security, etc:*

46. Funeral certificate
47. Deed to burial property
48. Will
49. Legal proof of age or birth certificate
50. Social Security card or number
51. Marriage license
52. Citizenship papers
53. Insurance policies (life, health, etc.)
54. Bank books
55. Deeds to property
56. Bill of sale of car
57. Income tax returns, receipts, checks
58. Veteran's discharge certificate
59. Disability and pension claims

## **PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

60. Funeral Services
61. Memorials
62. Casket, vault, endowed care
63. Burial plot, mausoleum, or niche
64. Opening and closing
65. Clergy
66. Church or temple
67. Transportation



**On the most difficult day of your life, think of all the things you have to do:**

- People to notify, documents to collect, and as many as 67 decisions to make

*Did you realize there was so much to do in the first 24 hours?*

- To make matters worse, most items need to be paid for immediately, in cash

*If you could possibly avoid this situation for your family, I'm sure you'd want to, wouldn't you?*