

Sudden Loss Support – Final Arrangements

Funeral & Burial Assistance

The loss of a loved one is difficult, and the costs of burial or cremation can create an additional burden. Below is regional guide of resources that may help families navigate assistance options.

National Assistance

Social Security

- Survivors should contact Social Security as soon as possible or provide the Social Security Number to the funeral director, who will notify the agency.
 - A surviving spouse or eligible child may receive a lump-sum payment of \$255.
 - Ongoing monthly benefits may be available for certain family members.
 - Website: www.ssa.gov
 - Phone: 1-800-772-1213 (toll-free, 24/7, 365 days a year)
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Veterans Benefits

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may cover a portion of funeral and burial costs, depending on service and circumstances of death.
 - Benefits may include: burial in a national cemetery, headstone/marker, and partial reimbursement of funeral costs.
 - More information: [VA Burial Benefits](#)
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Carson's Village

- Helps families with logistics, planning, and support after a sudden loss.
 - Languages: English, Spanish
 - Cost: Free
 - Coverage: All 50 states
 - Contact: carsonsvillage.org/contact-us
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Kaden's Cause

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- Provides financial help to families who have lost a child.
 - May assist with costs related to funeral/cremation, cemetery, and monuments.
 - Promotes kindness and support in memory of Kaden.
 - Website: kadenscause.org
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Kentucky

Kentucky does not offer a statewide funeral assistance program, but some counties provide up to \$1,000 in aid. Families should contact their local coroner's office for eligibility.

Veteran Services

- Eligible veterans, service members, spouses, and dependents may qualify for burial at state veterans cemeteries.
 - Assistance is available through the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - More information: [Indigent Burial Program – KDVA](#)
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Jefferson County

Catholic Charities – Indigent Burial Program

- Provides dignified services for individuals who die in Jefferson County without financial resources.
- Contact: Matthew S. Whisman, Indigent Burial Coordinator
 - Email: mwhisman@archlou.org
 - Phone: 502-637-9786 x340
- More information: [Catholic Charities Louisville](#)

Jefferson County Coroner's Office

- Address: 10511 La Grange Road, Louisville, KY 40223
- Phone: 502-574-6262
- [Coroner's Website](#)

Additional Low-Cost Options in Jefferson County:

- B&G Mortuary – 502-773-5469
- Magnolia Cremations – 812-913-0044

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- Neptune Society – 502-423-3837
- Cremation Society of Kentucky – 502-897-5898

St. Joseph of Arimathea Society

- Volunteer-based burial ministry.
- knightsmedianetwork.org

Fayette County

- Fayette County Coroner's Office: 859-455-5700 | [Website](#)
- Care Cremation & Funeral Service: 859-388-9442 | carecremationservice.com

Eastern Kentucky Area

- Southeastern Mortuary Services: 606-305-7780 | southeastmortuary.com

Western Kentucky Area

- Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home: 270-886-9451 | hbgfuneral.com

Ohio

Ohio does not provide a statewide funeral assistance program, but county-level Job & Family Services offices may offer help for indigent burials. Funeral directors often file these claims directly.

Statewide Resources

- Indigent Burial Support – County departments of Job & Family Services may reimburse funeral directors up to \$750 for burial or \$1,000 for cremation. Families should ask their local JFS office.
- Resource page: [Ohio Department of Job & Family Services](#)

Hamilton County (Cincinnati)

- Indigent burial program administered by the county coroner's office.
- Phone: 513-946-8700 | [Hamilton County Coroner](#)

Indiana

Indiana provides a Burial Assistance Program for certain Medicaid recipients, covering up to \$1,500.

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- FSSA Burial Claims Office:
 - Phone: 317-234-1412
 - Email: IndianaBurialClaims@fssa.in.gov
- More information: Contact local Medicaid office

Local Township Example:

- New Albany Township Trustee – Floyd County
 - Phone: 502-305-6290
 - natownshiptrustee.org

West Virginia

West Virginia offers a Burial Assistance Program through the Department of Health and Human Resources.

- Provides up to \$1,000 toward funeral costs for eligible residents.
- More information: [WVDHHR Burial Assistance Program](#)

Veterans

- Additional resources available through the VA.
- [Veteran Burial Benefits – WV.gov](#)