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We know the death of a loved one can be overwhelming, and have gathered this information to assist in coping with a recent death. Because a majority of our shareholders live in Anchorage, we have focused on services available in Anchorage. Still, some of the websites and other information may be useful no matter where you live.

WILLS AND PROBATE

The deceased may have left a will providing for the distribution of their possessions. Here are some places to check:

❖ **State of Alaska Probate Court**

907-264-0433 (Anch)

www.courtrecords.alaska.gov

❖ **Bureau of Indian Affairs, Realty Department**

907-271-1735 (Anch) or 1-800-645-8465

❖ **Safe Deposit Box**

The bank in which a safe deposit box is housed may provide information after reviewing the death certificate.

And don't forget, if the deceased was named in your current will, you may need to update it.

CIRI ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCESS

CIRI's estate settlement process is described at www.ciri.com/shareholders/wills-and-gifts/estates-wills/

You may also call 907-263-5191 or 1-800-764-2474 and select option 4.

OBITUARY

The funeral director may assist with writing an obituary and most newspapers provide guidelines or a format. In Anchorage, see:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/adn/obituary-place-an-obituary.aspx

For a fee, the following website can also help you to construct an obituary:

www.obituaryhelp.com

DEATH CERTIFICATES

Many organizations require an original death certificate. In determining how many certificates to order, consider banks, insurance companies, any retirement funds, the PFD, IRS, Social Security Administration and the probate court. Funeral directors will normally assist in obtaining death certificates.

For deaths in Alaska, certificates may also be purchased from:

❖ **Anchorage Vital Statistics:** 907-269-0991

❖ **Juneau Vital Statistics:** 907-465-3391

❖ **Fairbanks Vital Statistics:** 907-451-5060

www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats

FINANCIAL & OTHER AID

❖ **CIRI-Affiliated Non-Profits**

CIRI does not provide direct financial aid or burial assistance, but Alaska Natives and American Indians residing in the Cook Inlet region can apply for a variety of services offered by CIRI-affiliated non-profits such as:

◆ **Cook Inlet Tribal Council**

907-793-3300 (Anch) or 1-877-985-5900

www.citci.org or citci.org/employment-training/burial-assistance/

Eligibility requirements and funding levels vary and you must contact the non-profits directly to determine if assistance is available. You may view program descriptions and contact information for all of the CIRI-affiliated non-profits at:

www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/NonprofitServices.aspx.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE LOWER 48, CIRI's non-profit affiliate, the Southcentral Foundation, may be able to assist you in locating resources:

Alaska Native Health Resource Advocate Program 1-866-575-6757
www.scf.cc/ANHRAP.cfm

FINANCIAL & OTHER AID (continued)

❖ ANCSA Corporations or Tribal Entities

If the deceased belonged to another ANCSA Regional or Village Corporation, assistance may be available through that corporation or its affiliated non-profit entity. Tribal entities may also provide assistance. For associated links visit www.ncai.org/tribal-directory.

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Depending upon eligibility requirements and/or available funding, the following may also be able to help off-set some costs:

❖ Funeral Insurance

The deceased may have purchased funeral insurance, or belonged to a “memorial society” (usually associated with funeral homes) or a civic/employment organization that provides death-related benefits.

❖ On-the-Job Death

The employer and/or State Department of Labor may pay a benefit on behalf of a worker whose death resulted from a work accident or illness.

❖ Social Security Administration

1-866-772-3081 or 907-271-4799 (Anch)
www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10008.html

❖ State of Alaska, Dept. of Public Assistance

907-269-6599 (Anch) or 1-800-478-4372
www.dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra/

❖ Vet Center/Veterans Resource

907-563-6966 (Anch)
www.cem.va.gov/CEM/bbene_burial.asp

❖ Travel

Many airlines offer bereavement rates. Also, friends, family or co-workers may have mileage available for tickets, and/or the deceased’s or the family’s church may be aware of assistance.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

❖ State of Alaska Division of Health

Medical Examiner Office 907-334-2200

Contact information for funeral homes in AK
www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/MedicalExaminer/Pages/pubs.aspx

❖ Anchorage Funeral Home & Crematory

907-345-2244 (Anch) or 1-800-478-4533
www.alaskanfuneral.com

❖ Cremation Society of Alaska

907-277-2777 (Anch)
907-373-8627 (Wasilla)
www.alaskacremation.com

❖ Janssen Funeral Homes

Evergreen Memorial (Anch) 907-279-5477
or Toll-Free 1-888-268-5477
Eagle River Funeral Homes 907-696-3741
AK Cremation Center (Anch) 907-279-3741
www.janssenfuneralhomes.com

❖ Legacy Funeral Homes & Cremation Services

Kehl’s Legacy (Anch) 907-344-1497
Kehl’s Legacy (Palmer) 907-745-3580
Witzleben Legacy (Anch) 907-277-1682
www.legacyalaska.com

CEMETERIES IN ANCHORAGE

❖ Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery

907-343-6814
www.muni.org/cemetery1/index.cfm

❖ Angelus Memorial Park

907-344-1311

❖ Fort Richardson National Cemetery

907-384-7075
www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftrichardson.asp

CASKETS ONLY

❖ Costco

907-349-2335 or 907-269-9510 (Anch)
www.costco.com

❖ Alaska Casket and Monument Company

907-348-7375 (Anch)
www.alaskacasket.com/

BEREAVEMENT

It is difficult for all of us to face the death of a loved one. Most funeral homes and churches can recommend bereavement resources. The organizations listed below may also provide bereavement support:

❖ Southcentral Foundation

(a CIRI-affiliated non-profit organization)
907-729-3300 (regular provider assessment)
907-729-2500 (behavioral health services)
1-800-478-3343 (Toll Free)
www.southcentralfoundation.com/behavioralhealth.cfm

❖ Hospice of Anchorage

907-561-5322 (Anch)
www.hospiceofanchorage.org/

❖ Life Alaska Donor Services

907-562-5433 (Anch) or 1-800-719-5433
www.lifealaska.org/documents/supportlisting_s.pdf

❖ Providence Health & Services

Behavioral Health (Child, Adolescent & Family Services) 907-212-6900
www.alaska.providence.org/services/Pages/default.aspx?Type=Behavioral

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