LOSING A LOVED ONE

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.

STEPS TO CONSIDER AFTER DEATH

www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate-after-death.htm

PROBATE AND WILLS

The deceased may have left a will providing for the distribution of his/her property. Here are a few places that a will may be housed:

❖ State of Alaska Probate Court
  907-264-0433 (Anch)
  https://records.courts.alaska.gov/eaccess/

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Realty Department
  907-271-4104 (Anch) or 1-800-645-8465

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/estates, or you may call 907-263-5191 or 1-800-764-2474 (select option 4).

OBITUARY

Many newspapers will publish funeral service notices for free. As part of their services, most funeral homes will write the full obituary and submit it to the local newspaper for you. For guidance on composing an obituary for your loved one, check online or with the funeral home.

www.adn.com/obituary-information

DEATH CERTIFICATES

Many organizations, including CIRI, 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
  www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats

FINANCIAL AID & RESOURCES

Depending upon eligibility requirements and/or available funding, the organizations and agencies listed in this section may be able to help off-set some costs. Please contact them directly for information.

❖ CIRI-Affiliated Non-Profit Organizations
  CIRI does not provide burial assistance directly. Alaska Native and American Indian people residing in the Cook Inlet region may apply for services offered by CIRI-affiliated non-profits, a list of which may be found at www.ciri.com/nonprofit-services.

  • Cook Inlet Tribal Council
    907-793-3300 (Anch) or 1-877-985-5900
    www.citci.org/burial

  • Outside of Alaska: CIRI’s non-profit affiliate, the Southcentral Foundation, may be able to assist in locating resources:
    Alaska Native Health Resource Advocate Program: 1-866-575-6757 (toll-free)
    www.southcentralfoundation.com/anhrap

❖ 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 a list of tribes, visit www.ncai.org/tribal-directory.
FINANCIAL AID & RESOURCES (continued)

- Kenaitze Indian Tribe
  907-335-7600
  www.kenaitze.org/fulalization
- Ninilchik Village Tribe
  907-567-3321
  www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov/assistance

Travel
Some airlines offer bereavement options and flexibility. Also, friends, family, or co-workers may have mileage available for tickets, and/or churches or other organizations may be aware of assistance.

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
1-866-772-1213 or 907-271-4799 (Anch)
www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10008.html

State of Alaska, Division of Public Assistance
907-269-8950 (Anch) or 1-800-478-4372
www.dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra

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

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 (provider assessment)
  907-729-2500 (behavioral health services)
  907-729-4955 (Anch) or 1-800-478-3343 (main)
  https://www.southcentralfoundation.com/services/behavioral-health

- 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/support/online_bereavement_support_services.html

- Providence Health & Services
  Behavioral Health (Child, Adolescent & Family Services): 907-212-6900
  https://alaska.providence.org/services/b/behavioral-health-child-and-family-services

Cook Inlet Region, Inc.
P.O. Box 93330
Anchorage, AK 99509
907-263-5191 or 1-800-764-2474
www.ciri.com

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 1-800-478-3353
  www.alaskanfuneral.com

- Cremation Society of Alaska
  907-277-2777 (Anch)
  907-373-8627 (Wasilla)

- Janssen Funeral Homes
  - AK Cremation Center (Anch): 907-279-3741
  - Evergreen Memorial (Anch): 907-279-5477 or 1-888-268-5477
  - Eagle River Funeral Homes: 907-696-3741
  - Mat-Su Funeral Home: 907-745-5477
  www.janssenfuneralhomes.com

Discounts offered for deceased CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants, and to CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who are otherwise making arrangements. For details, call Janssen directly or see www.ciri.com/discounts

- Legacy Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
  Locations throughout Alaska
  907-277-1682 or 1-800-820-1682 (main)
  www.legacyalaska.com

CEMETORIES IN ANCHORAGE

- Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery
  907-343-6814
  www.muni.org/departments/health/cemetery

- Angelus Memorial Park
  907-344-1311
  www.angelusmemorial.org

- Fort Richardson National Cemetery
  907-384-7075
  www.cem.va.gov/CEM/CRCHP/FRichardson.asp

CASKETS/URNS 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/