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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.

### STEPS TO CONSIDER AFTER DEATH

[www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate-after-death.htm](http://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](http://www.ciri.com/estates), or you may call 907-263-5540 or 1-833-263-5136 (select option 1).

### 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/obituaries](http://www.adn.com/obituaries)

[www.legacy.com/news/advice-and-support/article/guide-to-writing-an-obituary](http://www.legacy.com/news/advice-and-support/article/guide-to-writing-an-obituary)

## 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

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

[www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats](http://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 <https://www.ciri.com/shareholders/benefits/socially-driven-enterprises/>

#### • Cook Inlet Tribal Council

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

[www.citci.org/burial](http://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](http://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](http://www.ncai.org/tribal-directory).



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PROBATE

## FINANCIAL AID & RESOURCES (continued)

- Kenaitze Indian Tribe  
907-335-7600  
[www.kenaitze.org/burial](http://www.kenaitze.org/burial)
- Ninilchik Village Tribe  
907-567-3313  
[www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov](http://www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov)

### ❖ Bureau of Indian Affairs, Human Services (Resource Only) 907-271-4111 (Anch)

### ❖ Funeral Insurance

The deceased may have purchased funeral insurance or belonged to a “memorial society” 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

1-800-772-1213 or 907-271-4799 (Anch)  
<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

### ❖ State of Alaska, Division of Public Assistance

907-269-8950 (Anch) or 1-800-478-4372  
[www.dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra](http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/gra)

### ❖ Veterans' Resource

907-563-6966 (Anch)  
[https://www.cem.va.gov/burial\\_benefits/index.asp](https://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/index.asp)

### ❖ 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ciri.com/discounts)**

### ❖ Legacy Funeral Homes & Cremation Services

Locations throughout Alaska  
907-277-1682 (Anch)  
[www.legacyalaska.com](http://www.legacyalaska.com)

## CEMETERIES IN ANCHORAGE

- ❖ **Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery**  
907-343-6814  
[www.muni.org/departments/health/cemetery](http://www.muni.org/departments/health/cemetery)
- ❖ **Angelus Memorial Park**  
907-344-1311  
[www.angelusmemorial.org](http://www.angelusmemorial.org)
- ❖ **Fort Richardson National Cemetery**  
907-384-7075  
[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ft-richardson.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ft-richardson.asp)

## CASKETS/URNS ONLY

- ❖ **Costco**  
907-349-2335 or 907-269-9510 (Anch)  
[www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com)
- ❖ **Alaska Casket and Monument Company**  
907-348-7375 (Anch)

## 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)  
907-729-8558 (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/](http://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](http://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/behavioral-health-child-and-family-services>

### **Cook Inlet Region, Inc.**

**Attn: Probate**

**P.O. Box 93330**

**Anchorage, AK 99509**

**907-263-5540 or**

**1-833-263-5136**

**[www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com)**