

Life

LIFE IS WORTH SHARING
PRE-PLAN GUIDE

BENTA'S
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

It is hard to overstress the importance of planning in advance of need. Most of us are efficient in our daily lives, responsible and considerate of family and friends.

However, many of us do not leave complete records of our personal affairs, which will be needed when making our final arrangements. So often family members come to us to make arrangements for a loved one and say, "If only they could be here to help me answer all of these questions and make these decisions. I have no idea of what he/she would have wanted and how much I can afford."

This planning guide will eliminate confusion, uncertainty and unnecessary expense on the part of the person making arrangements. It has been prepared with the assistance of attorneys, accountants, bankers, clergymen and estate planning experts to make it easier for you to share your preferences and the necessary information with your loved ones. You should keep it in a safe place that is readily accessible to your family. Do not keep it in a safety deposit box.

Then, when the need arises, all your family will have to do is make a telephone call, and everything will be taken care of. This will ease the emotional and financial burden on your loved ones during a most difficult time.

TO OUR LOVED ONES

In this planning guide, you will find information which I have recorded to assist you in completing my final arrangements. I have entrusted Benta's Funeral Home, Inc. with my funeral arrangements. I have tried to minimize the emotional strain and distress that could be faced by you if these decisions were left with no indication as to my specific wishes.

I hope that this planning guide will help you avoid confusion, anxiety and unnecessary expense.

Love,

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

INSURANCE POLICIES

Millions of dollars are lost every year in unclaimed life insurance because the family never knew that certain policies existed. Insurance benefits must be applied for at the time of a death. You will need a certified copy of the death certificate for each company. If policies are lost or destroyed, you will need the name of the company and policy number to make a claim.

Life Insurance Policy List

Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.	Policy No.
Name of Insured	Beneficiary		Amount of Benefit
Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.	Policy No.
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Medical Insurance

Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.
Individual Covered	Policy No.	
Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.
Individual Covered	Policy No.	

Disability Insurance

Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.
Name of Insured	Monthly Benefit	Policy No.

Property Insurance List (Homeowners, automobile, boat, personal property, etc.)

Insurance Company	Agency	Phone No.
Property Insured	Type of Insurance	Policy No.
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SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Death Benefit

The least known of all social security benefits are those payable at the time of death. A lump sum payment will be made to the surviving spouse of the insured person at the time of death. If there is no surviving spouse, the payment can be made only to eligible children. Benefits are not paid automatically. Application must be made on approved forms within a specific time limit. Information that may be needed will include the following:

1. Marriage Certificate
2. Birth Certificate of Applicant
3. Birth Certificate of Deceased
4. Birth Certificate of Minor Child
5. Social Security Number of Deceased
6. Social Security Number of Spouse
7. Death Certificate
8. W-2 Form or Schedule C

Survivor's Benefits

If an insured person dies, the widow, dependent widower, children and dependent parents of that person may be eligible for monthly survivor's benefits. To receive a free booklet detailing survivor benefits, contact the Social Security Administration.

To be sure your Social Security payroll deductions have been properly credited to your account, you should request a statement from the Social Security Administration every three years. If an error occurs in your records, it must be corrected with 39 months. If it isn't, it could affect the amount that you receive monthly upon retirement. To receive a free statement of your earnings covered by Social Security and your estimated future benefits, call the Social Security Administration.

Note: Social Security Administration's toll free number is 1-800-772-1213.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Veteran survivors are entitled to receive various benefits, depending upon the status of the serviceperson. The Veterans Administration offers a free pamphlet entitled "Summary of Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits." To receive this pamphlet or to obtain any other veteran information, contact the U.S. Department of Veteran Administration at 1-800-827-1000.

WILLS

Everyone needs a will. A will is one of the finest protections you can give your loved ones. Your will is the least expensive way to protect your life's work and savings. With a will, you name the person or persons to administer your estate, handle financial matters and act as guardian for your minor children. Without a will, the probate judge makes these decisions and the cost for this process can be as high as ten percent of the net value of your estate.

The law is very precise in its requirements with respect to the writing, signing and witnessing of wills. It is recommended that the preparation and execution of a will be handled by an attorney.

	<i>Self</i>		<i>Spouse</i>
Attorney	_____	Attorney	_____
	phone		phone
Executor	_____	Executor	_____
	phone		phone

MY FUNERAL / BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS

SELF

Preference in Arrangements

Funeral services entrusted to Benta's Funeral Home, Inc.

1. Service location: Church Funeral Chapel Cemetery Other

Church _____ phone _____

Clergyman _____ phone _____

Cemetery _____ phone _____

Other _____ phone _____

2. Funeral Preferences:

Viewing: Family and Friends Immediate Family Only None

Time(s) for viewing _____

Casket _____

Clothing _____

DVD tribute: Yes No

Military service: Yes No

Flag: Yes No

Lodge service: Yes No

Organization _____

Transportation: Lead car Clergy car Flower car Family Limousine

Pallbearers

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Burial Preferences:

Burial Certificate Number _____

Type: Ground Burial Mausoleum Cremation/memorialization Other

Certificate in name of _____
phone _____

In-ground interment: Section _____ Lot _____ Block _____ Grave _____

4. Personal Preferences

Flowers and memorial contributions: Prefer flowers Either flowers or memorial contributions

Prefer memorial contributions made to: _____

Color _____ Type _____

Glasses to be worn: Yes No Remove before interment Return to _____

Jewelry: Stay on Return to _____

Organist _____ Soloist _____

Music selections _____

Total number of certified copies of death certificate needed _____

Signed _____ Date _____

WHY BENTA'S?

Blending history, culture and modern technology to display the rich legacy of our community is what made us a leader in our industry. Our reputation and convenient location have made Benta's the choice of thousands of families. It might seem that Benta's is only for the rich and famous. This is NOT True. We are one of the most affordable funeral establishments in New York City. We encourage families to compare and find out that this world famous institution offers the finest facilities and service within your means.

OUR LEGACY

Since 1928 Benta's Funeral Home, Inc. has provided exceptional service to the New York Community, making us a leader in the industry. We have had the honor of servicing African royalty, public officials, athletes, and entertainers.

Benta's Funeral Home, Inc. is fully owned and operated by:

The Estate of George B. Benta



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