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Tom Dewing  
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Virginia Louise Fitzharris Gaynor  
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HELENA  
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Carol Ann Stefanich Coty  
June 1, 1938 - Nov. 21, 2020  

Valerie “Vicki” Garrison Dinsmore  
CARLSBAD, CA  
April 28, 1945 - Nov. 3, 2020  

Betty Flamand  
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Carol Gilmore  
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Belle Buckley  
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Winfred George “Win” Dooley  
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Jacalyn “Jacye” Marie Freeman (Nugent)  
July 29, 1951 - Nov. 7, 2020  

Robert Louis “Lou” Gott  
BELTON, MO  
July 13, 1939 - Nov. 30, 2020  

Alice Capp  
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Agapita M. “Aggie” Cooney  
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Barbie “Barbi” Dale  
MANILA, UT  
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Father Dan Driscoll  
Sept. 21, 1950 - Nov. 26, 2020  

Madonna Furthmyre  
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Frank Grady  
Feb. 4, 1935 - Nov. 16, 2020
Jimmie Grube
May 6, 1933 - Nov. 10, 2020

Robert “Bob” Hert
Sept. 18, 1959 - Dec. 15, 2020

Donald “Don” E. Keele
April 18, 1929 - Nov. 30, 2020

Marylou Kornec
Dec. 22, 1933 - Nov. 17, 2020

Brenda Lamoreaux
Died Dec. 2, 2020

Jimmie Grube
May 6, 1933 - Nov. 10, 2020

Robert “Bob” Hert
Sept. 18, 1959 - Dec. 15, 2020

Donald “Don” E. Keele
April 18, 1929 - Nov. 30, 2020

Marylou Kornec
Dec. 22, 1933 - Nov. 17, 2020

Brenda Lamoreaux
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Alan Guanell
Oct. 26, 1962 - Dec. 8, 2020

Joseph Herzog
BUTTE
Sept. 19, 1932 - Nov. 17, 2020

Donna Mae (Darragh) Kelly
Nov. 12, 1937 - Nov. 17, 2020

Marilyn “Lynn” Kozlowitz
BUTTE
March 21, 1955 - Dec. 8, 2020

John Magnus
April 30, 1955 - Dec. 3, 2020

Francis Robert “Frank” Martinich
Dec. 10, 1935 - Nov. 12, 2020

Stephen William Hamblock
Jan. 12, 1952 - Dec. 8, 2020

Kilian Hines
BUTTE
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Barbara Jean Kenison
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Nick Richard Kravas
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Beverly Joyce McClafferty
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Howard Paul McElroy
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Steve Mortensen
SHERIDAN
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Aug. 8, 1930 - Nov. 13, 2020

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(Joki) Tanner  
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How to choose cremation services

Making plans for your funeral is a tough subject. Most people would rather skip the subject or opt to have others plan their funerals. But the reality is procrastination or avoidance does not change reality.

It’s also worth planning ahead because funeral costs can be a major burden on the deceased’s family. Cremation services are becoming more popular these days because of high funeral costs. They can be a cost-effective alternative to traditional burials.

It is always best to take care of details in advance.

Making decisions in advance about cremation services can take the burden off loved ones during a painful time. Otherwise, they will need to make tough choices while stressed and grieving.

With cremation, the family doesn’t have to purchase an expensive casket. Loved ones may spend more money than they can afford in an effort to respect the memory of the deceased.

But a cremation service is an affordable way to respectfully memorialize a friend or family member. The service can be a peaceful time to grieve and remember.

A funeral home may have a partnership or connection with a cremation center. They may have additional services, such as grief counseling or assistance with necessary paperwork.

After the cremation, you will receive an urn. You can choose to bury the urn, keep it in your home or place it in a memorial building.

When searching for a cremation center, check with your family or friends for referrals. If you cannot get an appropriate referral, you might be able to join a cremation society. For a small fee, you will receive up-to-date information about your options and the process. Membership may also help you obtain a lower cost on cremation services. These societies will provide assistance with many details connected to the service and disposition of remains.

The Internet Cremation Society and the Cremation Society of North America are sources of information about cremation societies.

Once you have narrowed your choices, consider how you feel about the staff of the cremation center. You should feel comfortable asking questions. The employees should be knowledgeable, competent and pleasant. They should give you all of the details about price breakdowns, and their process of making ashes for the urn.

By doing a little research and choosing wisely, you can make the process a little easier for loved ones during a difficult time.

Discuss with your loved ones and family members their preference for when they pass. Talk with them and explain your own so that there will not be any misunderstandings or second-guessing after the fact. While it is not the most pleasant topic in the world, it will help ease some of the stress.
How to choose a funeral home

The emotional pain and suffering that occurs when a loved one dies can be crippling. And often the closest family members hurting the most must also deal with difficult responsibilities like choosing the right funeral home.

Here are some tips to help make choosing the right funeral home less stressful.

**Compare Prices**

If you have had to make funeral arrangements in the past, you may be tempted to just go with the funeral home you have experience with. While this may be a smart option for some people, it's not always the right option.

Depending on how long it's been since you needed to make funeral arrangements for a loved one, the price of that particular funeral home may have gone up. That's why it is wise to shop around and compare the prices of the various funeral homes in your community.

**Ask For References From Friends**

Even if you have never had to choose a funeral home in the past, you may have a friend or two who has. Ask these friends if they would recommend the services provided at the funeral homes they have used.

They may be able to share valuable information about the staff, facility and prices of a specific funeral home.

**Ask About Packages**

Whether your deceased loved one had a specific list for their final wishes or you have to make these decisions for yourself, it is important that you ask a potential funeral home what types of packages they offer.

You will find that not all funeral homes are created equal, and each offers their own different ways of handling a service. No matter what type of requirements you have, it is best to choose a funeral home that will cater to your specific needs in order to make this difficult situation a little less daunting.

**Caring Staff**

When visiting a potential funeral home, the funeral director can be a major deciding factor when you choose whether or not to use this particular company to handle the funeral of your loved one.

A caring and professional funeral director and staff will take the time to explain all your options in an empathetic way so you can make a better choice when choosing a funeral home.
Estate planning tips and advice

Estate planning is for everyone. Don’t make the mistake of believing estate planning is only for the rich.

Making a plan for how your affairs will be handled after death is the best thing you can do for your loved ones, regardless of your financial standing.

Document how you want your property and other assets handled to help your family avoid legal difficulties, inconvenience, unnecessary taxation and family arguments. An estate planning professional can have a lasting impact on your legacy.

Estate planning isn’t just about protecting heirlooms; it also provides security for your family. Consider these tips for creating a sound, logical estate plan.

Seek legal counsel

Some people use online forms to draft a will, most people will benefit from consulting with an estate planning attorney. This experienced professional can create legal documents with your specific circumstances in mind.

It’s true everyone should have a will, regardless of age. But that is only the first step in developing a solid estate plan. You should also create a living will, power of attorney and possibly a trust.

Consult an attorney who has experience in developing estate plans for those whose situations are similar to yours. Do not try to do it alone.

Life insurance policies

Life insurance policies provide for your loved ones in the event of your death.

There are a wide range of options, and only a few will make sense for your situation. A professional can guide you through the possibilities and help you make appropriate choices.

Term life insurance policies are generally less expensive than other types of coverage. But whole life policies, annuities and other insurance products may be more appropriate for your circumstances.

Understand what you might be buying. In some cases, a policy may benefit the salesperson more than it does the customer.

It is essential you take all the time you need to learn about a particular policy before purchasing it. If you have any hesitation or confusion, ask another professional or keep researching. You should feel certain that you are choosing the best policy for your needs.

Funeral expenses

Funerals are very expensive, sometimes up to $10,000. You don’t want to leave your family with large bills. That’s why you should plan ahead to cover the cost of your own funeral.

Pre-paid funeral plans are a popular option, or you can simply buy a burial plot in advance so that one major task will be handled before your death.

It may be uncomfortable and even frightening to consider, but it is something that must be addressed as part of a solid estate plan. Visit funeral homes in your area to discuss prepayment options.

Communication is key

Communicate with your family in general terms about your estate plan. Talking to them about what they can expect could head off estate disputes and heartache.

When to update your will

There are many occurrences that require an update to estate-planning documents. A will is your ironclad way to disperse your assets to loved ones as you wish. Here are a few of the top reasons you may need to update this important document.

Changes in tax laws

It can be hard to stay up to date on constantly changing tax laws, but it’s necessary to keep your final document in good legal standing. Especially if your will takes actions to address estate tax issues, it’s a good idea to receive periodic reviews by a professional attorney.

Ask for advice

Don’t be afraid to ask your legal expert for advice on other moments that may benefit your last will and testament.

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How to choose a grief support group

Grief support groups help people overcome depression and loneliness. Whether because of the loss of a loved one or another major life change, a support group can be a big help in working through some of life’s most difficult moments. Especially in scenarios involving unexpected loss of life, experts say support groups can help the bereaved overcome tremendous pain and regain a sense of self after sustaining a difficult loss.

**What is a grief support group?**

Grief support groups around the country meet every day to talk about how to cope and deal during the grieving process. People from all walks of life come together, united by the loss of a loved one, to share feelings and thoughts with one another.

Trained professionals from the mental health field are often on hand to moderate the groups. Counselors, psychologists and social workers have the skills to assist, gained from years of training and experience. The mourning process is often filled with pain and uncertainty. They will guide participants through the stages of grief.

**Benefits of a grief support group**

Mental, emotional and spiritual connections are the glue that bind these support groups. Each person in the group can help another since they are sharing the experience. There is a special bond that comes from people who help each other through grief.

Participants listen to each other without judgment. Each person gets a chance to share feelings or memories. Sometimes, members may simply need to express what they feel at the present moment. All meetings are confidential.

A support group is the best place to feel and express strong emotions. Everyone in attendance understands what the survivor is going through.

Members also assist each other in moving forward. Some groups plan events and activities as a way to ease the loneliness.

Through attendance at these groups, members are assured that their thoughts and feelings are normal. The support group reinforces the idea that everyone deserves respect.

**Types of support groups available**

There are also support groups for grieving individuals dealing with special circumstances. Some groups may focus specifically on military families, while other groups will concentrate on helping wives, children or husbands deal with losses in the immediate family.

Sometimes groups may limit membership to people of the same gender. There are also teen, children or adult groups. Elderly grief support groups help survivors who have lost their spouses or entire families.

**How to choose a grief support group**

There are plenty of places to find a grief support group. Hospitals and hospices have information on local meetings. Religious institutions, including churches and synagogues will also have a list of groups. Funeral homes are another place to find information.

It is important to choose a group in which you feel comfortable and respected. There is no shame in talking about your feelings during this difficult time.

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**Health care directives**

When you become too frail or sick to make your own decisions on end-of-life health care, the emotional strain is passed to your family or loved ones. Not only can this cause incredible stress, the avenue they take may not be the route you had in mind.

Don’t procrastinate when creating an advance-care plan. Age isn’t the only factor that should be considered. A medical crisis that leaves you too ill to care for yourself could strike at any time.

**Emergency treatment**

Without a solid health care directive in place, family members may be tasked with making difficult decisions for your treatment. Here are a few common instances you must have clear instructions regarding, as suggested by the National Institute on Aging.

- CPR: If your heart begins beating with an abnormal rhythm, it can be life threatening. Discuss with your family your opinions about resuscitation.
- Ventilator: When you are unable to breathe on your own, a ventilator can be used to keep you alive.
- Comfort care: Deciding how to keep you comfortable while suffering is another factor you should have clear instruction for. Consider instances like limiting medical testing, spiritual and emotional counseling, and pain medication.

**Types of facilities**

Visit different facilities to make the decision on where you will stay if you become disabled to the point you can’t take care of yourself. Here are a few to consider.

- A nursing home is a better option when you need constant assistance from medical professionals.
- In-home care is a great option for someone who wants to stay at home while receiving the same benefits as an assisted-living facility.

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Tips for organizing your finances

Your debts don’t disappear at the time of death. In many cases, your family may be held responsible for any outstanding obligations. When planning your estate, spend time organizing your finances to ensure an executor knows what you owe and how to make the payments.

A life insurance policy means more than leaving something behind for your loved ones, it should also cover funeral expenses and fund your financial responsibilities. Determine the amount you owe and adjust your plan with an insurance agent.

Your family members will be dealing with grief at the time of your death, what you do to ease the stress before the fact, can make it easier for them to adjust.

Gathering debts

Another set of documents you will need to disclose with your estate executor is a list of your financial responsibilities. These include mortgages, vehicle commitments and credit card debts. Keep your account information in a secure and organized portfolio to make payments easier.

Don’t forget to update balances regularly to keep numbers accurate.

A great expert to have when gathering your debts is a financial advisor. Together, you can set up beneficiaries for retirement plans, allow family to access accounts and even create savings strategies for your surviving family and finances.

Important documents

You should print out clear documentation of life insurance policies and retirement plans, including pensions and annuities. Keep them in a safe place and disclose the location with loved ones. At the time of death, they will require these forms to ensure your contribution is dispersed to the right person, rather than going unclaimed and ending up with the state.

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It’s important for us to feel that we are leaving behind a strong example for our family members and friends to carry on. We want our work to continue and our spirit to remain strong.

One of the best ways to achieve these important goals is through proper legacy planning. Working with a local attorney to determine what you want your legacy to be is the first step. You will need to answer questions about what is most important to you and how you want to leave it behind.

Legacy planning goes beyond estate planning because of the creative aspect. You can build various parts that form one main legacy, such as setting up multiple scholarship funds to be doled out at your high school alma mater, or a sizable donation to the charity of your choice.

How you want to leave your legacy is your choice. You can either talk it over with your family members or keep your decisions under wraps until the time comes to unveil them.

Fund a Scholarship

One way to positively impact your community for years to come is to set up a college scholarship program with some of your financial savings. Coordinate doing so with your target high school and an attorney who specializes in wills, trusts and estates.

Once the details are set on the legal end, this can be a fun project because you can choose specific eligibility requirements for the scholarship.

Let’s say you’ve been interested in the music arts for many years. Your scholarship can be offered only for students who wish to pursue a career in music.

You can make the application process require an original recorded piece for consideration for the scholarship. Don’t forget to set up a collection of friends or school officials as the scholarship board, which will be entrusted with keeping the legacy going and selecting the winning students.

Making a Difference

You don’t need a substantial amount of financial savings to make a difference in your community. In fact, acts such as donating books to your local library or funding the development of a new bench at a local park are small yet meaningful ways to establish a legacy.

Are there certain organizations in which you firmly believe? Maybe you’ve devoted large chunks of time to advancing their goals and missions. A lawyer can help you set up a will that lays out how your estate will be split among the groups for which you are most passionate.

Building a Nonprofit or Foundation

One way to positively impact your community for years to come is to set up a nonprofit organization or a foundation with some of your savings. This can be an enjoyable project because you will be able to visualize how your contribution will make a positive impact on society.

Your new entity can perhaps fund initiatives such as feeding the hungry in your community or providing coats to children who need them during the winter. Think of the causes that are important to you and talk with your attorney about the proper ways to structure and build your plan.

Talk it Over

Many people have a difficult time deciding how they’ll divvy up their savings and possessions when they pass away. Emotions may run high if one of your family members feels they aren’t receiving equal amounts of your estate.

That’s why talking about making a large charitable donation is so important. Trustworthy, loving family members will respect your wishes to contribute some of your financial savings, property or even possessions to a charitable organization.

Others may have negative feelings toward your decision. It’s critical that you have an open discussion with your closest family members to get feelings out on the table to achieve an honest dialogue.

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If you own your own business, you know the importance of planning. One aspect many avoid is creating a succession plan in case of death. Building a detailed report of what is expected provides a way for your vision to continue. When preparing these documents, hiring the services of an estate attorney is helpful. Their expertise can streamline the process of creating the plan and see to it that your wishes are carried out. Don't risk the future of your business and family by failing to create a solid succession plan.

**Buy-sell agreements**

The death or disability of a business owner can destroy a company without a detailed buy-sell agreement in place. According to the American Management Association, your agreement should cover the following terms:

- Who buys or sells;
- Under what conditions is the business transferred;
- The price and terms; and
- How the transaction is funded.

Make sure to spend ample time deciding the best avenues and strategies when handing over the business to capable hands.

**Involve an expert**

A good way to ensure all the bases are covered is by hiring a succession plan consultant. Be honest about your role and importance to the business so they can help find a successor who shares the same goals and talent to keep your company afloat. There will also be the issue of funding. If you're a major contributor to supplying financial resources, you will need a plan in place to ensure the funds are still available. Inquire about a life insurance policy that will protect your business and the employees and families who rely on it.

**Involve your family**

Talk with your family and loved ones about their vision for the future of the business. The right succession plan will depend on their decision to continue the business or plan an exit strategy by selling.

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**How to choose a final resting place**

No one likes to think about it—but we all need to plan for our eventual demise.

And one of the most compassionate things you can do for your loved ones is making sure you've made a plan for a final resting place. Whether you're pre-planning for yourself or helping a family member with choices, these end-of-life decisions will have a lasting impact.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a final resting place.

**Cemetery**

Choosing a resting place is similar to buying real estate. Location will play a large part in choosing a cemetery plot or mausoleum.

Your final resting place should have special meaning for you and your loved ones. Ideally, it should be neat, clean and have long-term arrangements for taking care of the grounds. A convenient location is preferable, so loved ones can pay their respects easily and conveniently.

Much of this decision will be based on personal preference. It might be a small, quiet country location or a plot in the middle of a bustling city. There are plenty of options available, depending on your wishes.

The property manager should have a stellar reputation and a lengthy track record of being professional. It is important that they make you feel comfortable and at peace with your decisions.

Look for a cemetery that will be run in perpetuity. It should have stable management now and detailed plans for ongoing maintenance through decades to come. Do not be afraid to ask questions about the company’s history and plans for the future.

**Headstones**

Deciding on the right headstone is another way to leave a legacy. The monument or headstone can say a lot about the deceased’s life. You can choose a simple, straightforward stone or an elaborate stone with a custom design. You can also leave a message for descendants. This headstone will be around for a very long time, and it can inform people about your life.

So you might want something more unique. Monuments can also reflect the personality and interests of the person they are honoring.

Many companies offer a variety of designs and layouts for people who want a special headstone. They have symbols and messages that can honor religious beliefs, clubs, honors or careers. These elements will add personality to your headstone.

These companies are happy to cater to your request. They might also make recommendations. A final resting place will honor a legacy for many years to come. The decisions you make will leave a meaningful impression, so take the time to choose wisely.

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Final resting places

Many people choose burials; others cremation. Either way, you should be comfortable with your final resting place. Consider your family’s needs and preference because, they are the ones who will be visiting your gravesite or, likely, possess your urn. Some options:

**Burial**
The burial process comes with plenty of issues to consider, the first being convenience. Families choosing burials may do so to ensure they can visit the body for years to come. Nature also is an important part of the cemetery experience, so finding one with beautiful landscaping or expansive forestry can help provide a peaceful, natural environment for family members and friends to visit.

**Cremation**
The cremation choice is popular because of its convenience and the opportunity for family members to display a decorative urn holding the ashes of their loved one. If an urn isn’t your top option, you could always plan a special day that includes the spreading of your ashes across the ocean, moutaintop or river. Pay attention to any local, state and federal regulations that may govern the distribution of your ashes.

**Consider a Marking**
A marker that bears the name, dates of life and loving inscription can help loved ones reminisce over fond memories and shared experiences. You can plan ahead of time to customize a marking with specific colors, shapes and sizes. And don’t forget to get creative with the design.

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