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Legacy checklist

The loss of a loved one brings not only grief but also the burden of managing the affairs that follow. This guide is designed to help you organize those tasks.

WEEKS 1 AND 2

- [ ] Attend to pets
- [ ] Call family and close friends
- [ ] Funeral arrangements – Contact local media for obituary
  - [ ] Get a legal pronouncement of death (Death Certificate) from the funeral home
- [ ] Contact social security administration
- [ ] Call estate attorney, set up appointment
- [ ] Determine who executor is (this will be in the will)
- [ ] Call nursing home administrator if in a home and deceased passed elsewhere
- [ ] If they are employed, notify employer
- [ ] Forward mail

WEEKS 3, 4 AND 5

- [ ] Locate your Mesirow Document Locator and gather your documents
- [ ] Find and inventory all assets
- [ ] Find passwords to all online accounts
- [ ] Focus on will and estate plan – submit final Will to probate (may need to hire counsel)
  - [ ] Obtain letters of office, confirming named executor.
- [ ] Secure all the deceased's property
- [ ] Contact landlord if renting
- [ ] Attend to last wishes
- [ ] Keep bills current
- [ ] Contact insurance companies (life, auto, renters). Terminate policies.
- [ ] Close accounts as required
- [ ] Contact banks and other financial institutions to repaper or close accounts as required
- [ ] Send death certificate to a credit agency
- [ ] Manage Crypto accounts

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WEEK 5 AND BEYOND

- ☐ Close credit card accounts (once you have verified that all online payments have been notified)
- ☐ Cancel driver's license
- ☐ Manage air and related miles/rewards with credit cards, etc
- ☐ Delete or memorialize social networks
- ☐ Close email accounts
- ☐ Update voter registration
- ☐ Cancel mobile phone
- ☐ Determine what to do with the deceased's Passport

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