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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 there. Still, some of the web sites and other information may be useful no matter where you live.

BEREAVEMENT

It is difficult for all of us to face the death of a loved one. Funeral homes and churches can usually refer you to bereavement resources. The organizations listed below may also provide bereavement support:

- ❖ **Southcentral Foundation**
(a CIRI-affiliated non-profit organization)
907-729-3300 (regular provider assessment)
907-729-2500 (mental health department)
www.scfhealthinfo.com/index.cfm?pg=mentalth
- ❖ **Hospice of Anchorage**
907-561-5322 (Anch)
<http://www.hospiceofanchorage.org/>
- ❖ **Life Alaska Donor Services**
907-562-5433 (Anch) or 1-800-719-5433
www.lifealaska.org/documents/supportlistings.pdf
- ❖ **Providence Health System**
www.providence.org/alaska/tchap/bereavement/supportgroups.htm
- ❖ **Loss & Found Bereavement & Support Group**
907-345-2525 (Anch)

WILLS AND PROBATE

The deceased may have left funeral instructions in a Will. If it is not clear whether or not there is a Will, here are some places to check:

- ❖ **State of Alaska Probate Court**
907-264-0433 (Anch)
www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/pa/pa.urd/pamw6500
- ❖ **Bureau of Indian Affairs, Realty Department**
907-271-4104 (Anch) or 1-800-645-8465
- ❖ **Safe Deposit Box**
The bank in which a safe deposit box is housed may provide information after reviewing the death certificate.

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 <http://www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/estate.aspx>.

You may also call 907-263-5191 or 1-800-764-2474 and select option 4.

OBITUARY

The funeral director may assist with writing an obituary and most newspapers provide guidelines or a format. In Anchorage, see: http://www.adn.com/help/obit_guidelines

- ❖ For a fee, the following web site can also help you to construct an obituary:
www.obituaryhelp.com

DEATH CERTIFICATES

Many organizations, including CIRI, require original death certificates. When determining how many to order, consider banks, insurance and utility companies, the post office, the IRS, IRAs/pensions/retirement funds, the Permanent Fund, Social Security, and Probate.

Funeral directors will normally assist in obtaining death certificates. Certificates for deaths in Alaska may also be purchased from:

- ❖ **Anchorage Vital Statistics:** 907-269-0990
- ❖ **Juneau Records Processing:** 907-465-3391
- ❖ www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/death

FINANCIAL & OTHER AID

❖ **CIRI-Affiliated Non-Profits**

CIRI does not provide direct financial aid or burial assistance, but Alaska Natives and American Indians residing in the Cook Inlet region can apply for a variety of services offered by CIRI-affiliated non-profits such as:

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

Eligibility requirements and funding levels vary and you must contact the non-profits directly to determine if assistance is available. You may view program descriptions and contact information for all of the CIRI-affiliated non-profits at: <http://www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/NonprofitServices.aspx>.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE LOWER 48, CIRI's non-profit affiliate, the Southcentral Foundation, may be able to assist you in locating resources via its Alaska Native Resource Advocate Program:

- ❖ **Alaska Native Resource Advocate**
253-835-0101 (Seattle) or 1-866-575-6757
www.scf.cc/anhrap.cfm

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❖ **Other ANCSA Regional Corporations**

If you or the deceased own shares in another ANCSA Regional Corporation, you may want to see if assistance is available through that corporation or its affiliated non-profit. All thirteen ANCSA Regionals and their non-profits are listed at www.ancsa.net/regions.

Depending upon eligibility requirements and/or available funding, the following may also be able to help off-set some costs:

❖ **Funeral Insurance**

The deceased may have purchased funeral insurance, or belonged to a "memorial society" (usually associated with funeral homes) 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**

907-271-4455 (Anch) or 1-800-772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10008.html

❖ **State of Alaska, Dept. of Public Assistance**

907-269-6599 (Anch) or 1-888-804-6360
www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/gra/

❖ **Vet Center/Veterans Resource**

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

❖ **Travel**

Many airlines offer bereavement rates. Also, friends, family, or co-workers may have mileage available for tickets, and/or the deceased's or the family's church may be aware of assistance.

ANCHORAGE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- ❖ **Anchorage Funeral Home & Crematory**
907-345-2244 (Anch) or 1-800-478-3353
www.alaskanfuneral.com/anchorage.html
- ❖ **Evergreen Memorial Chapel**
907-279-5477 (Anch)
www.evergreenfuneral.com
- ❖ **Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary & Crematory**
907-344-1497 (Anch)
- ❖ **Kehl's Palmer Mortuary & Cremation**
907-745-3580 (Palmer)
- ❖ **Witzleben Family Funeral Homes/Crematory**
907-274-7576 or 907-277-1682 (Anch)

CASKETS ONLY

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

CEMETERIES IN ANCHORAGE

- ❖ **Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery**
907-343-6814
www.muni.org/cemetery1/index.cfm
- ❖ **Angelus Memorial Park**
907-344-1311
www.angelusmemorial.org
- ❖ **Fort Richardson National Cemetery**
907-384-7075
www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/frichardson.asp

