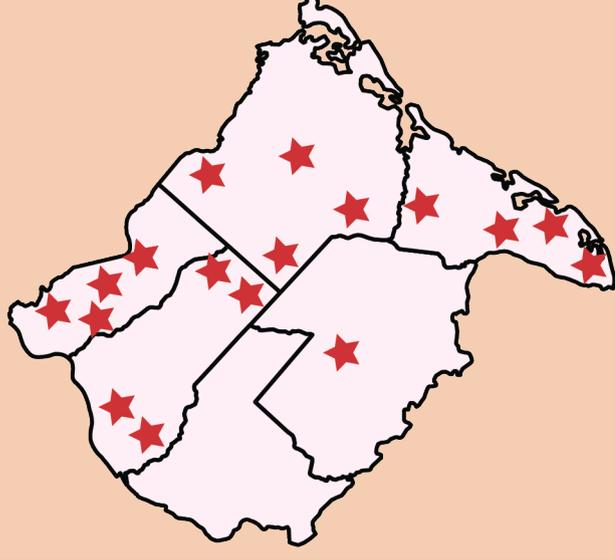


## Death is Never Easy

The incredible emotional toll, the many decisions that need to be made, and the responsibilities that must be dealt with, can make handling the death of a loved one seem daunting.

To help Diocese of Camden families complete this process as well as possible, we have prepared the following brief suggestions and handy checklist.

Our hope is that when the time comes, they will prove to be useful as you help your loved one complete his or her final journey.



It is our sincere desire to care for our parishioners and their families at every stage of this life and beyond. In keeping with that mission, our Catholic cemeteries provide holy, dignified resting places for your departed, while bringing comfort, serenity and inspiration to the families whose loved ones have been placed in our everlasting care. We serve 17 cemetery locations throughout southern New Jersey offering several options. There are many choices for both full body and cremated remains. Both can be buried in traditional graves or entombed in niches or crypts in chapel or garden settings. A member of our staff is available to answer any questions.



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# What to Do When a Loved One Passes Away

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## Where to Begin...

### Notifications After Death Occurs

When a loved one passes, you should notify the following:

- Emergency Services 911 (if death occurs at home)
- The attending nurse (if you are present when a loved one passes away in a hospital, nursing home, or hospice)
- Loved ones, family and friends
- The deceased's parish priest
- An appropriate funeral home

### Making Arrangements

Although priorities will vary, you will want to take steps to ensure that you loved one's end-of-life wishes and rites are fulfilled, including those specific to our Catholic teachings. Together, these undertakings and final acts of faith not only have practical value, but they provide comfort, peace of mind, and the opportunity for friends and family to celebrate the life of the departed while affirming our belief in the everlasting life to come.

*Arrangements may include:*

- Meeting with funeral home representatives to discuss...
- Times and dates for the wake and on-site services
- Burial options and preparation of the remains
- Securing death certificates
- Attire of the deceased for the funeral
- Eulogies

- Details such as floral arrangements, memorial folders, guest book, charitable donation requests, transportation to and from church, funeral home and cemetery

### Contacts (if applicable)

- Executor of the Will
- Trustee of the Estate Attorney
- Insurance Agents
- Social Security Administration
- Veteran's Office
- Securities Broker
- Employer
- Accountant

- Handicap accommodations or other special requirements

Meeting with a parish priest or pastoral staff to...

- Confirm the dates and times of the funeral rite, Mass, and/or committal service
- Go over details of the funeral service
- Discuss burial place protocols

Meeting with your Catholic cemetery representative to...

- Confirm pre-planned burial arrangements
- Select and purchase a burial location

- Discuss details of any services that will be held at the time of the committal

### Taking Care of Yourself

Recognizing that the death of a loved one and dealing with the many responsibilities involved can be extremely demanding, it is very important that surviving family members take steps to maintain their own mental and physical health. These may include:

- Making sure you don't miss meals or neglect food altogether
- Getting sufficient rest
- Spending time with friends and family
- Accepting help
- Securing professional assistance if needed
- Not attempting to "do it all." Deal with meaningful tasks and delegate less important ones to others
- Taking advantage of support groups provided by your church or community service organization

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
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