

NORTHLAKE
FUNERAL HOME

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What are Certified Copies of Death Certificates Needed For?

The list is merely a suggestion of some possibilities. Since everyone has differing estate issues, the following is merely a suggestion of some possibilities. It may be beneficial to check before ordering your death certificates.

Life Insurance

One for each insurance company regardless of number of policies.

Banks

One for each bank, particularly if the accounts are in the deceased's name only and possibly if the account is in joint tenancy

Stocks

Individual or jointly owned, again, one for each Company. If held by a Broker, one for each Broker.

Bonds

One for Savings Bonds. Bonds can be reissued to new owner(s). If Corporate Bonds, one for each company

Real Estate

One for each County in which property is owned.

Secretary of State

If the decedent is named on a title for an automobile, boat, mobile home, etc.

IRA's and CD's

One for each financial institution where funds are maintained.

Pension

One for each pension fund

401K / 403B / Retirement Plans

One for each depository

Federal / State / Local Income Tax

One for each of them.

Probate

If the estate of the decedent is to be probated, you may need as many as 5. If you have an Attorney, ask them how many they'll need.

Social Security Administration

They will need a certified copy, but will make a copy and return your Certified Copy back to you after they make a photocopy

Veteran's Benefits

Canceling Services

In order to cancel some services, some agencies, such as telephone/cell phone companies, utilities, credit card companies may only require photocopies of your certified copies, but check with them to be certain. Make yourself several photocopies when you receive your certified copies so you'll have them if needed.