

## CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE

True certified copies of the death certificate are called “original” certified copies.

They are made by the county or state and are on watermarked paper with county seal or state seal and registered by a number.

**Copies for social security and veterans’ purposes are without charge and are marked “FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY”.**

Other certified copies are at a cost to the family and are suitable for any purpose the family may have. Privately made photocopies are considered illegal and generally not accepted.

### You May Need Certified Copies For:

Social Security (supplied without charge)

Veterans Administration Benefits (supplied without charge)

\_\_\_ Transfer of sale of real estate, house, land, etc.

\_\_\_ Settling of insurance claims. (One copy for each company)

\_\_\_ Obtaining union benefits or stopping pension

\_\_\_ Transfer of automobile, trailer, camper or boat, etc.

\_\_\_ Transfer of stocks and bonds. (One copy for each company)

\_\_\_ Filing federal, state or city income tax forms

\_\_\_ For insured loans or insured credit card accounts

\_\_\_ For mortgage insurance

\_\_\_ For credit union accounts

**Banks will generally make a photocopy from an “original” certified copy. This applies to all accounts with that bank. Please ask the bank of their policy.**

**\*Death Certificates are ordered when Services are paid in full. They will arrive in our office 21 days from the time they are ordered. We will call you to pick them up or mail them to you through USPS with tracking.**