

Chamberland

Funerals & Cremations

Certified Death Certificates

(The State of Texas charges \$21.00 for the first copy and \$4.00 for each additional copy per order.)

Certified copies of the death certificate have the raised seal of the county where issued. Below is a list of possible uses for a certified death certificate. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive list.

- Life Insurance
- Mortgage Insurance Claims
- Pensions
- Retirement Benefits
- Stocks and Bonds
- Transfer of Automobile, Trailer, Boat, or Camper
- Property Transfers
- Probate Court
- Banks or Credit Union Accounts
- Filing Federal, State, or City Income Taxes

As the state has implemented an electronic system, Texas Electronic Registration (TER), certified death certificates are no longer necessary for Veterans Administration benefits and Social Security benefits.

As a courtesy, consider informing creditors that death has occurred. A photo copy of the certified death certificate should suffice concerning any insured loans and credit card claims. For substantial estates and surviving spouses, also consider contacting an estate attorney.

A letter of excuse on Chamberland's letterhead should suffice for employer, school, and travel considerations.

Social Security Information

A one-time payment of \$255 is paid in addition to monthly cash benefits. This lump-sum death benefit is paid in the following priority order: a surviving spouse who lived in the same household as the deceased person at the time of death; a surviving spouse eligible for or entitled to benefits for the month of death; or a child eligible for or entitled to benefits for the month of death. For an explanation of all benefits for which you might qualify, contact the administration directly:

Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235
(800) 772-1213

Veterans Benefits Information

Veteran benefits are changed by the Veterans Administration and U.S. Congress from time to time. Therefore, check with your local or regional Veterans Administration Office for current information on benefits and procedures:

Department of Veterans Affairs
1120 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20421
(800) 827-1000