

# Important Contact Information

Forsyth County Clerk of Superior Court  
336-779-6300

Forsyth County Register of Deeds  
336-703-2700

Social Security Administration  
1-800-772-1213  
1-877-402-0828 (Winston Salem)

Department of Veterans Affairs  
1-800-827-1000

NC Vital Records  
1-919-733-3000

### NOTES:

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# Important Support Contacts

## Grief Support

Trellis Supportive Care  
336-768-3972  
[www.trellissupport.org](http://www.trellissupport.org)

Mountain Valley Hospice  
336-789-2922  
[www.mtnvalleyhospice.org](http://www.mtnvalleyhospice.org)

Carenet Counseling Center  
336-716-0800  
[www.carenetnc.org](http://www.carenetnc.org)

Griefshare  
[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

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911 East Fifth Street - Winston Salem, NC 27101  
336-703-2750  
[www.forsyth.cc/EmergencyServices/ems](http://www.forsyth.cc/EmergencyServices/ems)

# When a Loved One Dies

## A Survivor's Checklist

*On behalf of Forsyth County  
Emergency Services, we are deeply  
sorry for your loss and offer our  
sincere condolences.*

## Immediately after a Death

- Choose a Funeral Service.
- Contact your religious leader.
- Contact immediate family and friends.
- Contact the executor of the estate.
- Contact employer(s).
- Arrange care for dependants and pets.

Dispose of perishables in the refrigerator and remove trash from any trash cans inside the residence.

Remove any valuables and vital documents, secure the residence, and leave the home with the appearance of being occupied.

Alert the post office to forward mail or stop delivery.

Alert news carriers or scheduled deliveries, such as medications or perishable items, to stop deliveries.

## Needed Documents

- 10-15 certified copies of Death Certificate (funeral service)
- Real estate deeds
- Vehicle titles
- Bank statements
- Mortgage / Loan statements
- Insurance policies
- Stock certificates
- Retirement account statements
- Last 4 years of tax returns
- Copies of all bills
- Credit card statements

## Within 1 - 4 Weeks

Cancel prescriptions and dispose of remaining medications at medication drop box locations.

### Estate Executor

Consult an estate attorney, if needed.

Meet with an accountant.

Make an appointment with the Clerk of Superior Court with certified copies of the death certificate.

Provide a copy of the death certificate, often a certified copy, and the certified document from the Clerk of Court to all companies including banks, insurance companies, creditors, and services.

