

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR A BEREAVED FAMILY

- Contact the Pastoral Care Department for funeral service arrangements (714) 288-4432
- Contact the Mortuary for funeral service and burial arrangements. If you wish, you may call the Pastoral Care Department for recommendation.
- Inform relatives and friends of death and funeral
- Have the Pastoral care pastor assist in planning funeral service and reception
- Return to hospital to sign the medical release form for the body and get personal effects if your loved one died in the hospital or care facility
- Hang on to driver's License and Retirement card of the person who died. These provide very important identification information
- Contact Social Security Administration
- Contact Retirement Association
- Contact Banks and Savings Association with a copy of the Trust, passbooks, etc.
- You may need to check the title on your home, cars, etc. If so, contact the County Recorder about Affidavit of Joint tenancy and recording fee; you get the affidavit from a stationary store. You must find out from a realtor the current value of your house. (you may have to get an appraisal!) Take the form and your original deed, go to an Escrow Company to see a Notary Public and then fill out the form and also Preliminary Change of Ownership form.
- Pay the mortuary to order more death certificates if needed
- Contact your Insurance Agent to collect Life Insurance
- Contact Income Tax service man
- Mail in sample ballot to return address of Registrar of Voters to removed name of deceased
- Change name on accounts for all utility bills, and house and car insurance accounts if necessary
- Cancel magazine subscriptions and get refunds if appropriate
- Notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of death; copy Driver's License if DMV wants it back
- Contact home town newspaper if from other areas
- Keep a complete list of all flowers, food, etc. that are brought to the home and mark all dishes so they can be returned
- All gifts of memorials, flowers, food, etc. should be acknowledged with a written thank you. Cards alone are not necessary unless the family chooses to do so