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Helpful Funeral & Grief Resources for West Virginia Families

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We've compiled the most useful resources for West Virginia families dealing with a loss or planning ahead. All links open in a new tab and go directly to the official source.

Official West Virginia Resources

WV Board of Funeral Service Examiners

Official licensing, complaints, and regulatory information for WV funeral professionals.

wvfuneralboard.wv.gov

WV Department of Veterans Assistance

State veteran burial benefits, Jack Bennett Fund, and WV state veterans cemetery.

veterans.wv.gov


WV Vital Registration Office

Death certificates, birth certificates, and vital records for West Virginia.

dhhr.wv.gov/vitalreg

WV Department of Health & Human Resources (DHHR)

Burial assistance program (up to \$1,000 for eligible families) and social services.

dhhr.wv.gov 

WV Attorney General – Consumer Protection

File complaints about funeral home practices, pricing disputes, or consumer fraud.

ago.wv.gov 

WV Cemetery & Funeral Association

State association for funeral professionals – events, education, and industry resources.

wvcfa.org 

Federal Government Resources

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Burial Benefits

VA burial allowances, national cemetery burial, headstones, and military honors.

va.gov/burials-memorials 

Social Security Administration

Report a death, survivor benefits, and the one-time \$255 death benefit.

ssa.gov 


FTC Funeral Rule

Your rights as a funeral consumer – itemized pricing, casket purchases, and embalming rules.

consumer.ftc.gov/articles/funeral-rule 

Medicare.gov

Information about what Medicare does and does not cover (Medicare does not cover funeral costs).

[medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) 

National Personnel Records Center

Request military records (DD-214) for veteran burial benefit eligibility.

[archives.gov/veterans](https://www.archives.gov/veterans) 

Grief Support & Counseling

GriefShare

Find a local grief support group in West Virginia. Faith-based program with groups meeting in churches and community centers across the state.

[griefshare.org](https://www.griefshare.org) 

National Alliance for Grieving Children

Resources for children and teens coping with the death of a family member.

[childrenmourn.org](https://www.childrenmourn.org) 

AARP Grief & Loss Resources

Articles, support groups, and practical guidance for older adults dealing with loss.

[aarp.org/caregiving/grief](https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/grief) 


988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 for immediate support. Available 24/7.

988lifeline.org 

Psychology Today – Find a Therapist


Search for grief counselors and therapists in West Virginia by location and specialty.

psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/grief/west-virginia 

Financial & Legal Resources

Legal Aid of West Virginia

Free legal assistance for low-income WV residents – including probate, estate planning, and consumer protection.

legalaidwv.org 

WV State Bar Lawyer Referral Service

Find an estate planning attorney in West Virginia.

wvbar.org 


Benefits.gov

Check eligibility for federal assistance programs including burial assistance and survivor benefits.

benefits.gov 

IRS – Estate and Gift Taxes

Information on federal estate tax thresholds and filing requirements (WV has no state estate tax).

irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/estate-tax 

Funeral Planning Tools on This Site

These are our own guides – we've built them to help WV families with every aspect of funeral planning:

[How Much Does a Funeral Cost in WV?](#)

[Cremation vs. Burial Comparison](#)

[How to Plan a Funeral Step by Step](#)

[Final Expense Insurance Guide](#)

[Funeral Cost Calculator](#)

[How to Write an Obituary](#)

[Veteran Funeral Benefits](#)

[Estate Planning Guide](#)

[Sympathy Flowers Guide](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Find a Licensed Funeral Director](#)

National Funeral Industry Organizations


National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA)

Industry statistics, consumer resources, and funeral planning guides.

nfdanet.org 


Cremation Association of North America (CANA)

Information about cremation options, providers, and trends.

cremationassociation.org 

International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards (ICFSEB)

National Board Exam (NBE) information for funeral professionals.

theconferenceonline.org 

Funeral Consumers Alliance

Nonprofit consumer advocacy organization promoting affordable, meaningful funeral options.

funerals.org 

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Need Help With Funeral Costs?

Final expense insurance can cover the average \$8,074 WV funeral cost so your family isn't left with the bill. Plans start at \$30/month with no medical exam.



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