



## Checklist for Funeral Home

- Birth Certificate:** When going to the funeral home take your loved ones birth certificate. They will want to know your loved one's parents names.
- Death Certificate:** Order as many death certificates as you think you will need to cancel and close banking, credit cards, electric, water and any city services. (Anything with your loved ones name on it.)
- Small Items Bag:** Take a plastic bag or small zippered bag to be prepared to accept any jewelry from the funeral home director that your loved one had on their body when they passed way.
- Presentation:** Be prepared to view your loved one's body – the funeral home generally does a good job at presentation. Consider taking a recent photo in the event your loved one has a specific style they preferred to wear their hair and makeup.
- Money:** If you are burying your loved one, and the service has not been prepaid, the funeral home will expect payment in full. The cost can run from \$7,000 to \$15,000 depending on the casket/urn chosen. Unless you are the direct beneficiary of a life insurance policy many funeral homes will not accept assignment requiring payment by check or credit card.
  - If you are cremating your loved one, there is a 3 day wait from the time the city permit is ready to cremate.
  - Urns can vary in price.
- Clothing:** You will need to take clothes for your loved one's funeral presentation.
- Obituary:** You will need to write the obituary.
- Phone Numbers:** Contact your religious church, synagogue or temple for their funeral instructions.
- Take snacks, and be prepared to be there for a few hours.