

Certified Copies

- Please note, there are two styles of the **Florida Death Certificate** and both are considered official documents issued by the state and are used for different purposes. It's essential to understand which form you need based on the specific requirements of your situation.
- The Cause of Death is NOT Required for: Probate, Title Companies, Vehicle Title Transfers, Taxes, Property Claims, and Credit Card Companies.



Without Cause: _____

- SOCIAL SECURITY** - There may be a death benefit for the surviving spouse or a dependent child. It is your family's responsibility to contact social security to ensure you receive the proper benefits. Please call (800) 772-1213
- BANK ACCOUNTS** - Most banks will make a copy and return the certified death certificate, but some may keep it.
- REAL ESTATE** - If the decedent owns real property, you may want to remove the name from the deed. Contact the county courthouse for details.
- VEHICLES/MANUFACTURED HOMES** - To change titles and registrations, go to your local Florida TAX COLLECTOR office.
- STOCKS/BONDS** - Contact your local agent or broker for assistance.
- PROBATE** - If needed, consult an attorney for advice regarding probate.
- RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS** - IRA, 401K, Mutual Funds, Etc...

With Cause: _____

**Pending Death Certificates from the Medical Examiner are NOT available with C.O.D for approximately 3 months*

- VETERANS** - There may be a death benefit to the surviving spouse and/or dependent children. It is the family's responsibility to apply for the benefits.
- LIFE INSURANCE** - Contact your local agent or the insurance company for the proper claim forms.
- ANNUITIES** - Contact your local agent or the insurance company for the proper claim forms.
- INTERNATIONAL** - Customs, Real Estate, Probate Outside the United States
- FAMILY** - Subsequent Generations, Family History & Genealogy

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