

## Social Security Benefits

### **Does the funeral home notify Social Security when someone dies?**

Yes, when the death record is filed by the funeral director with the State of Iowa, an automatic notification is sent to Social Security.

### **Who can get Social Security survivors benefits?**

Social Security can pay a one-time lump sum death payment (LSDP) of \$255 to the surviving spouse if they were living with the deceased.

- They were living apart from the deceased and eligible for certain Social Security benefits on the deceased's record.
- If there's no surviving spouse, a child who's eligible for benefits on the deceased's record in the month of death can receive this payment.

We hope this information is helpful to you.  
We will be assisting you in ensuring you receive  
all of the benefits available to you  
at the time of death.

### **Certain family members may be eligible to receive monthly benefits, including:**

#### **A surviving spouse who is:**

- Age 60 or older (age 50 or older if they have a disability).
- Any age and caring for the deceased's child who is younger than age 16, or who has a disability and is receiving Social Security benefits.

#### **An unmarried child of the deceased who is either:**

- Younger than age 18 (or up to age 19 if they're a full-time student in an elementary or secondary school).
- Age 18 or older with a disability that began before age 22.

A stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, or adopted child under certain circumstances.

Parents, age 62 or older, who were dependent on the deceased for at least one-half of their support.

A surviving divorced spouse, under certain circumstances.

#### **For More Information contact:**

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