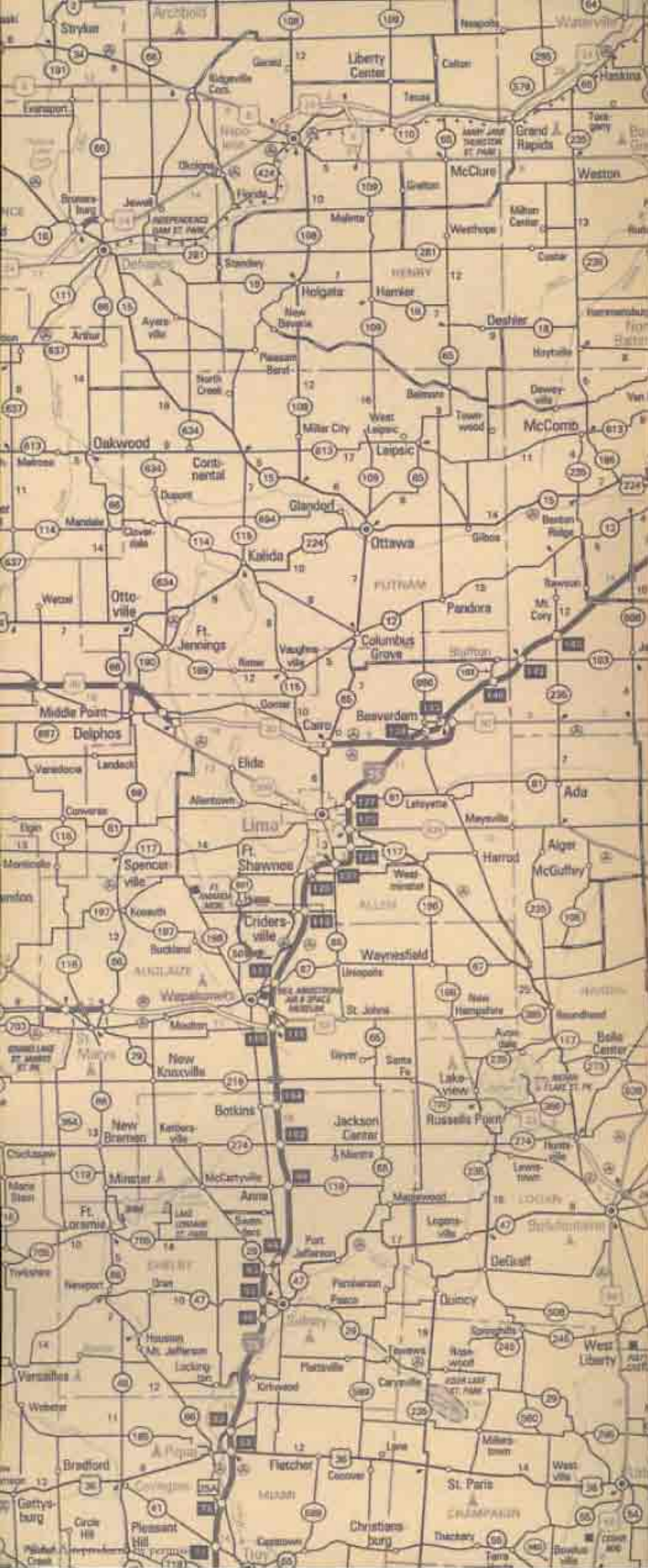


Death Away

FROM HOME

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When death occurs away from home, help is close at hand.

The odds of you — or a family member — dying away from the town in which you wish to be buried is higher today than ever before.

It hasn't always been this way. Time was, people lived their entire life within the same community. Families stayed close together and travel was limited to special occasions.

Today, if you're living in the same town you were born in, you're the exception, not the rule. Job opportunities scatter families, and often involve frequent travel. We travel more for pleasure, too. And even if we stay in one place during most of our lifetime, we often retire someplace else.

Death has a way of bringing us back together. Often, it has a way of bringing us home.



We're here to serve wherever you need us.

Death always requires the surviving family to cope with many emotions and decisions. But when death occurs away from home, the entire situation grows even more complex. Fortunately, we have experience, as well as a network of other helpful professionals around the country, that can be very beneficial to you during this time.



Count on your local funeral director to coordinate everything.

When death occurs away from home, we are both your advisor and your agent, working with other professionals long-distance, and coordinating the many services required. We belong to a nationwide association of funeral directors, which greatly enhances our ability to efficiently coordinate the legal and practical details of a death away from home, including:

- *Moving the deceased from the place of death.*
- *Preparation of the deceased for transporting to the home area.*
- *Providing a transportation container.*
- *Arranging for all required documents and permits in the city where death occurred.*
- *Arranging airline space (or other appropriate transportation) for the deceased.*
- *Transporting the deceased to the airport and ensuring the deceased is shipped properly.*
- *Beginning arrangements or services.*
- *Notifying newspapers to keep local residents informed.*

Once the deceased has arrived in the home area, other duties are required, including:

- *Transporting the deceased from the local airport to the local funeral home.*
- *Preparation of the deceased for viewing and burial or cremation, depending on family's wishes.*
- *Assisting family in selection of vault and casket and/or urn.*
- *Securing of all required documents and permits.*
- *Providing copies of death certificates to the family.*
- *Preparation of all necessary documents for Social Security, Veterans Administration, insurance companies, etc.*
- *Placing of death notices in local and/or out-of-town newspapers.*
- *Arranging of services.*
- *Transportation to the burial site.*
- *Arranging at the cemetery for burial.*

Wherever death occurs, our assistance and counsel is always near.

Returning home from another community.

Home is where the heart is and often, that's where people choose to be buried. Even if you've lived in another community for years, your thoughts may turn homeward when you make final plans. You may wish to be returned to your hometown at the time of death for sentimental reasons, or to be buried alongside other family members.

In these situations, there is sometimes need for two services — one for friends and family in the current community, and another for friends and family at the place of burial.

Although there will be some additional, necessary expenses when death occurs away from home, the overall cost may not be as much as you might expect. Returning the deceased by air is usually quite reasonable.

Death while traveling.

It would be wise for anyone who travels to take into account the possibility of death occurring while on a vacation or business trip.



Obviously, death in these cases is usually unexpected, and thus becomes even more of a family crisis. That's when the services of your

hometown funeral director become even more invaluable. A wallet-sized card indicating your next of kin, as well as the funeral director you wish notified in case of death is a helpful idea.

In rare cases, death away from home is a result of a disaster. In these cases, a coroner or medical examiner will most likely be involved. Their office will be very helpful in coordinating directly with us for preparation and return of the deceased.





International travel.

If a family member dies while outside the United States, the U.S. Embassy will come to your assistance. An Embassy official in the country where the death occurred will be contacted, and he or she will contact the State Department in Washington, D.C., to notify next of kin.

You should immediately contact us when a death occurs abroad. We are well-versed in the procedures for returning the deceased to the United States. Although it may be difficult, you will need to understand that this process may take a few weeks, or even longer, depending on in which country the death occurred. We will do everything possible to expedite the process for you.



A death in the armed forces.

When a person dies while serving in the Armed Forces, the U.S. Government will prepare and casket the body, pay transfer costs to return the body to the place of burial, and provide many other benefits, including an escort, a uniform and flag, plus an allowance to help with funeral and burial services. We can coordinate directly with the government, and also advise you about any allowance due you.

Make plans now.

The burden of death can be lightened for the survivors when prior plans have been made. This is even more true when death occurs away from home. We encourage you to discuss your wishes with your family, and with us. We are always happy to address any questions you may have, including concerns about costs.

Make plans now. Then rest assured that whenever — and wherever — you may need assistance, help will always be right at hand.

