

Funeral Expenses Paid by Wrongful Death Claims



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Funeral services and funeral expenses can be paid from the heirs' wrongful death claim against the person(s) responsible for the decedent's death. Wrongdoers should be accountable for all harm they cause.

A quick list of funeral expenses paid can include:

- Mortuary Services
- Funeral Home Services
- Bereavement Services
- Ministers/Pastors/Priests
- Caskets
- Urns
- Florist
- Funeral Floral Arrangements

How Wrongful Death Claims Pay

If your loved one passed as a result of the negligent or intentional conduct of another person, business, or government agency then a liability claim can be pursued by a competent wrongful death lawyer.

If the claim is against a government agency special claim forms must be completed and submitted within six (6) months of your loved one's death. If the claim is against private parties the statute of limitation is generally two (2) years from date of death.

You should never attempt to ascertain whether or not the statute of limitations has expired. Every case has unique facts that should be evaluated by a competent wrongful death lawyer.

In some cases, a wrongful death claim can be filed immediately with the insurance carrier for the responsible party and funeral expenses can be advanced. This is a tricky process that

should be handled by competent legal professional. If you provide inaccurate information it could jeopardize the entire wrongful death claim resulting in no compensation being paid.

Workplace deaths often trigger workers compensation death benefits and funeral expense obligations. As a wrongful death lawyer, I assist my clients in the acquisition of all workers' compensation funeral expense and death benefit obligations available.

Auto accident related deaths may trigger numerous payment sources for funeral expenses. These include auto liability coverage, medical payments coverage and uninsured motorist and/or underinsured motorist bodily injury coverages. Skilled lawyers know how to force insurance carriers to pay for all funeral services due the family.

Deaths from falls, drownings, and electrocutions may trigger commercial general liability insurance coverages or homeowners liability insurance coverages. These policies usually have at least some coverage to pay for medical and funeral expenses.

Wrongful death lawyers evaluate the specific facts of the case and know how to pursue all available sources of compensation for the family members.

Caution is Needed

Families of the recently deceased should be very careful in presenting their funeral expense claims to an insurance company or investigator. Many times the insurance company is looking for a reason to pay just the funeral expenses and not for other damages that are compensable such as

loss of income, loss of financial support, and loss of love, comfort, society and affection.

Any statements you give me be designed or fashioned in a way to assure the insurance company or government agency liability is reduced or eliminated.

Greedy corporations and their profit hoarding insurance companies may present the family with a release before issuing any payment. This is a clear attempt to get wrongful death heirs to waive their rights before receiving proper legal counsel. Do not sign any document without first speaking with a wrongful death lawyer.

Wrongful death heirs are cautioned to immediately seek legal assistance with making any and all funeral service claims so as to not jeopardize or effect other viable claims.

How to Choose Funeral Services

Riverside County and San Bernardino County have many professional funeral homes to chose from. Talking to friends and family about their experiences with local funeral homes will help you chose a quality funeral home professional. Cost lists can often be reviewed and provided so that you can compare the cost list of one service to the other.

As a wrongful death lawyer, I can assist you with the funeral home selection and payment process thereby alleviating some of the pressures associated with handling these matters.

The California Department of Consumer Affairs has created a [Consumer Guide to Funeral and](#)

Cemetery Purchases. You are encouraged to use this site to learn what to expect.

Another source for information is the Funeral Consumers Alliance of California.

Here is a brief list of funeral homes in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties:

Acheson & Graham Mortuary
Akes Family Funeral
Arlington Mortuary
Bobbitt Memorial Chapel
Brady & Fallon Funerals
California Cremation Center
Casket Center
Colton Funeral Home
Desert Lawn Funeral Home
Emmerson Bartlett
Evergreen Memorial Park
Green Acres Memorial Park

Harrison-Ross Mortuary
Hemet Valley Mortuary
Ingold Chapel Funeral Home
Inland Memorial
Mark B. Shaw Mortuary
McKay's Family Mortuary
McNearney Family Mortuary
Miller-Jones Mortuary
Mountain View Mortuary
National Cremation Service
Neptune Society
Norco Family Funeral Home
Pierce Brothers Crestlawn
Preciado Funeral Homes
Preston & Simons Mortuary
Riverside Mortuary
Rubidoux-Jurupa Valley Mortuary
San Jacinto Valley Mortuary
Sierra Memorial Chapel Mortuary
SCI Funeral & Cemetery
Simpson Family Mortuary

Thomas Miller Mortuary
Tribute Memorial Service
Weaver Mortuary
Wiefels & Son Memorial Chapel

Richard Harris is the principal of Rich Harris, A Law Corporation located in Riverside, California and has successfully concluded more than 100 wrongful death cases in his 20 years combined claims experience.

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