

## **WHO CAN OBTAIN COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES**

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### **Records that are older than 50 years are public record.**

1. Family
  - a. Parent
  - b. Adult Children
  - c. Spouse
  - d. Brother/Sister
  - e. Mother/ Father-in-Law
  - f. Son/Daughter-in-Law
  - g. Grandparents
  - h. Grandchildren
  - i. Stepmother/Father
  - j. Stepchildren
  - k. Aunt/Uncle
  - l. Cousin
  
2. Legal Representative
  - a. Attorney
  - b. Physician
  - c. Funeral Director
  - d. Insurance Company
  - e. Authorized Agency

### **IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR OBTAINING DEATH CERTIFICATE**

#### **PHOTO ID**

1. A state issued driver's license or identification card
2. US or foreign passport, visa, national identity cards issued by US government to foreign nationals
3. Employment photo ID issued by the federal, state or local government, including military or a photo ID card from a government sponsored program (NO business or student ID's)
4. Major credit card with a photo of the card holder

#### **NO PHOTO ID AVAILABLE**

1. Major credit card (must be signed)
2. Motor vehicle registration card (must be signed)
3. State social services program (must be signed)
4. Current utility bill or pay stub (VITAL RECORD WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED.)
5. If a person requesting a certificate is accompanied by someone who does not have acceptable PHOTO ID, a signature affidavit attesting to the person's identity can be accepted along with a copy of that photo ID.