

## It's Expensive to Die!

One of the hardest parts of an Undertakers job is sitting across the table and presenting the bill to families who are already broken. As if the pain of grief isn't hard enough the financial cost that comes with burying your loved one can be overwhelming. And for some that pushes them to the breaking point. Simply because of the uncertainty that comes with not knowing how they will come up with the money. I always pray with our families and faith is key but I also believe God expects us to use wisdom and knowledge when it comes to taking care of our responsibilities.

Is it expensive to die? Absolutely, but the truth is it's expensive to simply live as well. That's why we offer pre-planning to our families for those who make the decision to get prepared before it's too late.

We can help lessen the burden when the death occurs by offering payment plans before hand. Unfortunately we are not able to lessen the burden once the death has happened by taking on payment plans. As much as we love to serve and help families when they need it the most we are very aware of the times we are living in.

There was once a day that funeral homes were able to accept payments. But with the rising costs and now the pandemic most funeral homes and we are one of them are unable to take at need payment plans. Meaning that when a death occurs we need payment paid before services are rendered. Again, as much as we love to serve we want to continue to do so. And in order for that to happen we have to be able to be paid so that we can pay the bills for the services we did when the bills arrive to us.

But as previously mentioned by pre-arranging it allows you to get your affairs in order and the ability to make small monthly payments to offset the financial burden that comes when a death does occur. We also accept life insurance policies, credit card payments, debit card payments, checks, donations from other family members before the service takes place and cash payments.

Many don't understand the importance of this subject when they are hit with the grief and often view the Undertaker as being cold when he asks for payment. One of the most tender hearted people you will ever meet is an Undertaker. And words can't even begin to describe how many times their hearts have broken by seeing the pain in families eyes when it comes to asking for payment. Yet at the end of the day that Undertaker knows the responsibility he holds in keeping the funeral home doors open.

As much as they want to help everyone they understand that just simply is not possible unless they will take the steps to get their arrangements in order. Here at Shipman Funeral Home & Crematory we offer discounts to our families who take time to pre-arrange. Call us today to discover how we can assist you in getting your final arrangements in order.

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