



On the Loss of Your Loved One

BEREAVEMENT AND AFTER DEATH RESOURCES



ALASKA NATIVE
TRIBAL HEALTH
CONSORTIUM

Staff at the Alaska Native Medical Center offer our heartfelt condolences to you for your loss, and we are committed to continued support as you experience this difficult time that is a part of every journey ...transition.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your loved one.

Before You Leave ANMC

1. Please take the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with the patient care team.
2. Collect valuables and all personal items belonging to the deceased.
3. **Grief support at ANMC**
 - If you or other family members would like immediate counseling for grief and loss, our Behavioral Urgent Response Team can be called upon your request.
 - If there are young children who may need grief support, please let the Nurse know. Our Child Life Specialists are available to assist.
 - Spiritual support is available by request.
 - ANMC welcomes your preference of clergy members, or a selection can be made from our list of on-call contacts. Staff can contact your request accordingly.
 - Let staff know if you have any special requests that the spiritual affiliate should be made aware of (communion, other rituals).
4. **Make plans for final arrangements of the deceased**
 - If transportation or other accommodations are needed, please discuss with staff.
 - *Choose a local funeral home* that you would like to care for your loved one (a list of funeral homes can be provided for your convenience). *Contact the funeral home* to give the authorization for pick up and transport of remains. Inform the staff of the funeral home you have chosen.
 - *If you or another family member will be taking custody of the remains*, transporting and/or arranging transport, please see the *Burial Transit Permit information (document provided on request)*.

After Leaving the Hospital

Contact the funeral home you have chosen to set up an appointment as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO COLLECT (if applicable)

- Insurance policies
- Military-related documents (DDF 214; Records of Military service; VA Enrollment)
- Apply for veteran's benefits, military retirement benefits
- Marriage certificate
- Birth certificates for dependent children
- Native corporation /Tribal benefits documents
- Notify employer of the deceased regarding employee/survivor benefits
- Contact Social Security to inquire about survivor benefits

OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Identify bills that may require immediate attention
- Contact banks and other financial institutions
- Contact creditors (mortgages, loans, credit cards, etc.) bearing the name of the deceased
- Contact legal as needed to address Wills, Power of Attorney, Executor and other legal matters
- Contact an accountant for tax advice and services

Frequently Asked Questions

Burial and Other Arrangements

Is a casket required for burial or cremation in Alaska?

- *No law requires a casket for burial nor cremation.* However, you should check with the cemetery, which may require a certain type of container for burial.
- Federal Law requires that the funeral home or crematory inform you that you can use an alternative container, and that they make such containers available to you
- Federal Law requires funeral homes to accept caskets that consumers have purchased from other sources (online retailers; or you may build your own custom casket) if it is made of acceptable material.

Where can ashes be stored or scattered after cremation?

- In Alaska, there are no laws governing where you may keep or scatter ashes. Cremation renders ashes harmless, so there is no public health risk involved. *Use mindful and lawful judgement.*
- **Scattering ashes on private land** – Make sure you have landowner's permission.
- **Scattering ashes on public land** – Check local and regional government regulations and zoning rules.
- **Scattering ashes on federal land** - Keep distance away from trails, roads, waterways, facilities. Also, check *National Park Service website*.
- **Scattering ashes at sea** – Contact the EPA representative in Alaska or see *“BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS at SEA” on the EPA website*.
- **Scattering ashes by air** – Cremains are not considered hazardous material by federal aviation laws, therefore, can be scattered as long as ashes are removed from their container before scattering. Do not scatter ashes in front of or near airplane's engine.

Can I bury human remains on my private property?

- The State of Alaska does not have a state law that prohibits burial on private property.
- The Municipality of Anchorage has local ordinances prohibiting the burial of human remains except in an approved cemetery. Contact your local or regional government office or a local funeral home/mortuary for information on burial of human remains outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.
- For more information on burial, see *“Burial Plots on Private Property” published by the Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation*.

Is embalming required in Alaska?

- There are no laws requiring a body to be embalmed in Alaska. However, the State of Alaska Department of Health recommends embalming if the remains cannot reach its destination within 24 hours of death.
- Embalming is commonly used, but consult with your funeral home of choice for options.
- Human remains shipped into or outside of Alaska must be embalmed. The funeral home is required to obtain a Burial Transit Permit before transporting a body into or outside of Alaska [Alaska Statutes 18.50.250].

Do funeral homes honor Alaska Native or American Indian customs in caring for the remains?

- All funeral homes will honor Native customs/ritual traditions for caring of your loved one. Inform the funeral home, *as early as possible*, of what you and your family desire.

Travel Arrangements

What is needed to transport the remains of my loved one?

Per *7Alaska Administrative Code 35.100 / 05.460*, a Burial Transit Permit is required for all of the following conditions:

- Moving the remains within Alaska
- Shipping the remains out of Alaska, provided that all requirements related to embalming and transport container are fulfilled
- Storing or holding the body for a period of greater than 72 hours after death
- Transporting remains on common carrier, private vehicle or chartered carrier

The person who assumes custody of the remains is responsible for obtaining, completing and registering the Burial Transit Permit with the Bureau of Vital Statistics, located inside University Center DMV, 3901 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 101, Anchorage. Phone numbers are (907) 269-0991 (Anchorage) or (907) 456-3391 (Juneau) and (907) 269-0991 (Anch Fax). The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- If a Funeral Home assumes custody of the remains, they will obtain a Burial Transit Permit.
- If the Bureau of Vital Statistics is closed and/or you would like assistance with this process, the ANMC House Supervisor can complete and sign the Burial Transit Permit. The ANMC House Supervisor is available 24/7 by calling the main ANMC phone number at 907-563-2662. Then, the ANMC House Supervisor will give the person who is assuming custody of the remains a copy, email a copy to ANMC Medical Record at _aka-transcription@anthc.org (email), and send a copy to ANMC Medical Records via intra-hospital mail. ANMC Medical Records will submit the Burial Transit Permit to Bureau of Vital Statistics.

A copy of the Burial Transit Permit is available in these locations:

- health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/btp.aspx (for additional information)
- anthc.org/bereavement
- Appendix 1 of this booklet

How do I get remains to home location from ANMC?

- All transport of human remains requires a Burial Transit Permit (see section above).
- Transport of remains back to home location is a personal expense. The funeral home (if one is chosen) will discuss and assist with logistics.
- A common carrier or private charter may be used for transport. Check with airlines regarding embalming requirements.
- The funeral home will share information regarding funding sources (as available) and transport options.
- No embalming is required, if transported to destination within 24 hours after death. A private vehicle may be used if feasible.
- ANMC will provide a body bag.

This information has been gathered to guide you, but consult with authorities or funeral home for most accurate information.

Who pays for the authorized escort's travel back home?

- If your loved one is Medicaid eligible and was traveling on a current Medicaid travel authorization and passes away while in the process of receiving care in the hospital, Medicaid will cover the cost of the escort's travel back home. Medicaid requires that the escort travel home within 24 hours of the death.
- If travel is not covered by Medicaid, other insurance, ANMC, or the patient's Tribal Health Organization, return travel for escort will be at their own expense.
- For patients that lived in the Anchorage Service Unit, ANMC's Travel Management Office (TMO) may be contacted for assistance on a case by case basis with escort's return travel at 1-866-824-8140 or by calling their main line at 907-729-7720.

Other Information

How and when will I get the death certificate?

- Discuss with the funeral home your need for the death certificate. Once the funeral home has the information needed, they will initiate the Death Certificate and send it to the attending provider for signature. The funeral home will then have your loved one's death recorded at the Bureau of Vital Statistics and will obtain certified copies. You should let the funeral home know how many certified copies you will need early in the planning phase.
 - Keep in mind that financial institutions, Tribal organizations, insurance companies and others may all need copies to access accounts and financial assistance.
 - If additional certified copies are needed, you can obtain them from the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The cost is \$25 per copy.
- The process of getting the Death Certificate can take up to 4-6 weeks, however, the funeral home can provide Verification of Death Letter that can be presented in place of the Death Certificate until it is received.
 - If you choose not to use a funeral home and need a copy of the Nursing Expiration Record, please contact ANMC Medical Records at 907-729-3012.
- If you choose not to use a funeral home, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics to obtain the Death Certificate(s). The Bureau of Vital Statistics is located inside University Center DMV, 3901 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 101, Anchorage. Phone numbers are (907) 269-0991 (Anchorage) or (907) 456-3391 (Juneau) and (907) 269-0991 (Anch Fax). The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 - If you need further assistance, you may contact ANMC Medical Records at 907-729-3012. They cannot provide copies of the Death Certificate, but they can help you in this process.

Where can I get financial assistance?

- Visit anthc.org/bereavement to find a list of Financial Assistance resources available. Examples of resources available include:
 - Veterans Affairs assistance: 1-800-827-1000 or www.cem.va.gov/benvba.htm. For non-service-related deaths, beneficiary is allotted \$300 for funeral expenses and \$300 for burial cost outside of a National Cemetery. You will need the veteran's DDF-214.
 - Tribal organizations: Funds may be available for Tribal members or shareholders of Alaska Native corporations.

Understand Your Grief and Healthy Ways to Manage

Grief is an individual response.

- Give yourself permission to grieve in your own way. There is no time limit.
- Grief can affect your physical health. Continue taking care of yourself by drinking water, eating healthy foods and avoiding excess alcohol or other substances.
- Shock, denial, guilt, sadness and depression are normal reactions in response to grief and loss. Seek professional help to assist you in working through these difficult emotions, if needed.
- Holding back emotions can be harmful. Thoughts of self-harm, a prolonged panic state, feelings of hopelessness and sadness are medical emergencies – contact your health care provider for immediate help.
 - The Alaska Careline has crisis response available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 988 from any phone to reach someone to talk to.

Sadness can affect our lives in negative ways. Please note suggestions below that might help to heal the spirit and uplift the soul.

- Acknowledge feelings and limitations. Accept that there are things you cannot change.
- Find a creative outlet. Engaging in traditional activities, art or other things that you enjoy doing can help bring important balance to life.
- Invest in healthy relationships. Surround yourself with people or things that give you strength.
- Remember holidays and anniversaries to honor your loved one in your own special way.
- Believe in a less painful tomorrow.
- Meet life's challenges with purpose and meaning. Volunteer to assist others, engage in spiritual fellowship, exercise, meditation, or more time with friends and family. Do things that help you exchange sadness for joy.

ANTHC Behavioral Health Wellness Clinic offers behavioral health counseling for individuals or group sessions for all Tribal health beneficiaries regardless of where you live.

- Call 1-833-642-2492, or
- Ask your provider for a referral, or
- Visit anthc.org/bhwc to fill out an intake form.

Burial Transit Permit

Funeral Home Reference List

Burial Assistance and Support Resources

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

BURIAL - TRANSIT PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER		Bureau of Vital Statistics 5441 Commercial Blvd. P.O. Box 110675 Juneau, AK 99811-0675		BVS USE ONLY DEATH CERTIFICATE NUMBER	
FULL NAME OF DECEASED (First, Middle, Last)				MAIDEN NAME	SEX
RACE	AGE	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	PLACE OF DEATH		
NAME OF FUNERAL HOME OR PERSON REQUESTING PERMIT			MAILING ADDRESS		
TRANSPORTATION OF BODY (If applicable): FROM _____ TO: _____ <small>(City, Town or Location)</small> <small>(City, Town or Location and State or Foreign Country)</small>					
DISPOSITION OF BODY BY: <input type="checkbox"/> BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____					
AT _____ <small>(Name of Cemetery, Crematory, or physical address)</small>			LOCATED AT _____ <small>(City, Town or Location and State)</small>		
I do hereby certify that arrangements have been or will be made to complete a death certificate for the above decedent as required by the laws of Alaska.					
Signature of Requestor		Date	Requestor's Daytime Telephone number		
Permission is hereby given to dispose of the body of the deceased as indicated above.					
Signature of State Registrar or other person authorized to issue permit			Title	Date	
AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION AS STATED ABOVE OCCURRED ON: (Date)			SIGNATURE OF SEXTON OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION		

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SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

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Form Distribution: **White** - With Body / Place of disposition **Yellow** - Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics **Pink** - Issuing office

INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARER: The Bureau of Vital Statistics (Bureau) assumes the responsibility to confirm that a death certificate has been filed as required by statute and/or to contact the requestor shown on the front of this document in the absence of a death certificate.

CONTACT MEDICAL EXAMINER: Alaska law requires the state medical examiner to investigate the circumstances and determine the cause and manner of death when: 1) a person of apparent good health dies suddenly, 2) the person was not under a physician's care, 3) the death is suspicious, unusual or unexplained, 4) the death is a result of violence, or 5) the death is unlawful or due to criminal neglect. In any of the above circumstances a burial-transit permit may not be issued, nor may the body be moved or molested without permission from the state medical examiner. The medical examiner's office may be contacted at (907) 334-2200.

PERMIT NUMBER: This field is not mandatory.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR: The burial-transit permit is required for any manner of disposition of a dead body or fetus including interment, storage, cremation and transportation. (For movement out of the state, for any shipment by common carrier, or for final disposition in any public or other organized burial ground, vault or crematory, a burial-transit permit shall be a prerequisite in cases of a fetus, irrespective of the length of gestation.)

TRANSPORTATION OF BODY: When used as a transit permit for transportation by common carrier, this permit should be enclosed in a strong envelope attached to the shipping case. A burial-transit permit is not required in order to transport a body to the state medical examiner or the state medical examiner's designee.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: Do not send the death or fetal death certificate with the body or fetus. It should be mailed to the address shown on the front of this permit or delivered to a Bureau office located in Juneau, Anchorage, or Fairbanks.

SEXTON: It is unlawful for any sexton or other person in charge of a burial place to permit final disposition of a dead body or fetus unless accompanied by a burial-transit permit. (A permit issued in another state or Canada is acceptable in Alaska.)

ROUTING OF PERMIT: A copy of this permit must accompany the body until its final disposition. It must be endorsed and retained permanently in the files of the sexton or other person in charge of the burial place. Where there is no such authority, it must be endorsed by the person in charge of the burial and forwarded to the Bureau.

The **yellow** copy of the permit must be forwarded to the Bureau at the address shown on the front.

The **pink** copy must be retained in the files of the office where the permit was issued.

Funeral Home Reference List

Business Name	Address	Phone
Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel **Preferred by ASNA**	440 East Klatt Rd. Anchorage, Ak 995158	Phone: (907) 336-3338
Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel & Crematory, LLC	1015 South Check St. Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Phone: (907)337-3840
Alaskan Memorial Park Mortuary	1015 South Check St. Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Phone: (907)789-0611
Anchorage Funeral Home & Cremation Service	1800 Dare Ave. Anchorage, Al 99515	Phone: (907) 345-2244
Cremation Society of Alaska	1306 E. 74th Ave Anchorage, AK 99518	Phone: (907) 277-2777 Fax: 1-877-782-6360
Eagle River Funeral Home (Evergreen)	11041 Chugiak Dr. Eagle River, AK. 99577	Phone: 907-696-3741 Fax: (907) 278-8551
Fairbanks Funeral Home & Crematory	3704 Erickson Ave. Fairbanks, AK 99709	Phone: (907)451-1110 Fax: (907)451-7098
Janssen Funeral Homes	737 E ST. Anchorage, AK 99501	Phone: (907) 279-5477 Fax: (907) 278-8551
Janssen's Alaska Cremation Center	3804 Spenard Rd Anchorage AK	Phone: (907) 279-3741
Janssen's Eagle River Funeral Home	16421 Brooks Loop Eagle River, AK	Phone: (907) 696-3741
Janssen's Mat-Su Funeral Home	6901 E. Blue Lupine Dr. Palmer, AK	Phone: (907) 745-5477
Ketchikan Mortuary	525 Deermont St. Ketchikan, AK 99901	Phone: (907) 225-4550
Kodiak Funeral Chapel	303 Erskine Kodiak, AK 99616	Phone: (907)486-3422 Fax: (907) 539-1617
Legacy Funeral Homes Inc (Witzleben Chapel)	1707 Bragaw St. Anchorage, AK 99508	Phone:907-277-1982 Fax: (907)278-5133
Legacy Funeral Home (Kehl's Chapel)	11621 Old Seward Highway Anchorage, AK 99515	Phone: (907)344-1497 Fax: (907)349-2947
North Pole Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home	2793 Perimeter Dr. North Pole, AK 99705	Phone: (907) 488-4446 Fax: (907) 451-7098
Prewitt Funeral Home	1004 Halibut Point Rd. Sitka, AK 99835	Phone: (907) 747-7321
Peninsula Memorial Chapel	5839 Kenai Spur Highway Kenai/Soldotna, AK.	Phone: (907) 283-333 Fax: (907) 283-6116
Seward		Phone: (907)224-5201
Homer		Phone: (907)235-6861
Valley Funeral Home	1515 East Herning St. Wasilla, AK 99654	Phone: (907) 373-3344 Fax: (907) 373-3345

Burial Assistance Resources

Adult Public Assistance Application

(Non-Anchorage Service Area)
Coastal Field Office – Frontier Bldg
3601 C St. Suite 410, Anchorage, AK. 99503
(907) 269-8950

Adult Public Assistance

Burial Assistance for Adult Disabled Medicaid Patients
235 E. 4th Ave. #300, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 269-600 or (907) 269-6520

Adult Public Assistance

Burial Assistance – Anchorage Residents with Family Medicaid
400 Gambell St. (4th & Gambell), Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 269-6599

Veteran's Affairs

for VA enrolled Veterans
1201 N. Muldoon Rd, Anchorage, AK 99504
(907) 334-0874

Department of Veterans Affairs

4600 Debarr Rd, Suite 180, Anchorage, AK 99504
(888) 248-3682

Medicare

222 W. 8th Ave. Suite 66, Anchorage, AK 99501
www.ssa.gov
1-800-772-1213

Information Required by Medicare:

- Social Security number of deceased, spouse and dependent children
- Marriage License and/or children's Birth Certificate(s)
- W-2 (income) for past 2 years
- Proof of Widow's age if 62 years or greater

NOTE: A one-time stipend of \$255 may be given to surviving spouse and/or dependent children.

Department of Public Assistance Burial Assistance

A Public Assistance Benefits package includes the following:

- Burial in a basic Casket
- Return to village of origin
- Interment in cemetery
- One hour visitation and funeral service, or cremation
- Burial plot (least expensive available) and any requirements by the cemetery (i.e., headstone, markers, etc.)
- If Cremation is preferred, no burial plot is provided

NOTE: The Burial Assistance package CANNOT be changed by family

EXCEPTION: Will apply only if a Native Corporation, Church, or Business wishes to provide a casket.

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
<p>Ahtna, Inc. Memorial Fund Glennallen Headquarters Office 115 Richardson Highway, Glennallen, AK 99588 907-822-3476 Fax: 907-822-3495</p> <p>Anchorage Office 110 W. 38th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503 907-868-8250 Fax: 907-868-8285 shservices@ahtna.net</p> <p>https://www.ahtna.com/shareholders/memorial-pamphlet-request/</p>	<p>Cantwell, Cheesh'na (Chistochina), Chitina, Kluti-Kaah (Copper Center), Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta, and Tazlina</p>
<p>Aleut Foundation, The Burial Assistance 4000 Old Seward Highway, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK 99503-6650 907-646-1929 FAX: 907-646-1949 taf@thealeutfoundation.org</p> <p>https://www.thealeutfoundation.org/we-are-one/taf-programs/burial-assistance/</p> <p>https://www.thealeutfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/TAF-Burial-Assistance-Fillable-10-19-2022.pdf</p>	<p>Deceased original and descendants of original enrollees of The Aleut Corporation</p>
<p>Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) Department of Family and Community Development Burial Assistance 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518 907-276-2700 Toll-Free: 1-800-478-2742 FAX: 907-222-9735</p> <p>https://www.apiai.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Fillable-burial-assistance-application-2019.pdf</p>	<p>Deceased must be an enrolled Tribal member of a Tribe served by APIA: Agdaagux, Atka, Akutan, Belkofski, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, Pauloff Harbor, Qagan Tayagungin, Qawalangin, St. George, St. Paul, or Unga</p>
<p>Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA) Family Preservation & Development Division 1-800-478-3033 907-852-9153 https://arcticslope.org/services/social-services/bia-burial-assistance/</p> <p>Application: https://arcticslope.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PDF-Fill_Funeral_Application_2023.pdf</p>	<p>Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsat, and Wainwright</p>

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) Burial Assistance 101 A Main Street P.O. Box 219 Bethel, AK 99559 info@avcp.org 907-543-7300 1-800-478-3521 Fax: 907-543-3596 https://www.avcp.org/benefits-burial-assistance/	Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Algaaciq (St. Mary's), Andrefski (St. Mary's), Aniak, Asa'carsarmiut (Mountain Village), Atmaultuak, Bill Moore's Slough (Kotlik), Cheforak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk, Chuloonawick (Emmonak), Crooked Creek, Eek, Emmonak, Georgetown, Goodnews Bay, Hamilton (Kotlik), Hooper Bay, Iqugmiut (Russian Mission), Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lime Village, Lower Kalskag, Marshall, Mekoryuk, Napaimute (Bethel), Napakaiaik, Napaskiak (Napakiak), Negtemiut (Nightmute), Newtok, Nunakauyarmiut (Toksook Bay), Nunam Iqua, Nunapitchuk, Ohogamiut (Marshall), Orutsarmiut (Bethel), Oscarville (Napaskiak), Paimiut, Pilot Station, Pitka's Point (St. Mary's), Platinum, Quinhagak, Red Devil (Stony River), Scammon Bay, Sleetmute, Stony River, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Tununak, Umkumiut (Nightmute), and Upper Kalskag
Bethel – See Orutsarmiut below.	Bethel
Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) Workforce Development P.O. Box 310, Dillingham, AK 99576 907-842-2262 1-888-285-2262 https://bbna.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/BBNA-Burial-Application_02.19.2021.pdf	Aleknagik, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Clarks Point, Curyung (Dillingham), Egegik, Ekwok, Ekuk, Ivanoff Bay, Kokhanok, King Salmon, Koliganek, Levelock, Manokotak, New Stuyahok, Perryville, Pilot Point, Portage Creek, South Naknek, Togiak, and Twin Hills
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) 477 Employment and Training / Burial Assistance Program 320 West Willoughby Avenue, Suite 300, Juneau, AK 99801 907-463-7332 1-800-344-1432, ext. 7332 Fax: 1-877-333-3449 http://www.ccthita.org/services/elderly/financial/index.html	Craig, Haines, Juneau, Kasaan, Klawock, Pelican, Saxman, Skagway, Tenakee, and Wrangell
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (CVTC) Burial Assistance Serena Martino Executive Assistant P.O. 1105, Chickaloon, AK 99674 907-745-0749 Fax: 907-745-0709	Support may be available for Chickaloon Tribal Citizens and close relatives
Chugach Alaska Corporation 3800 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 1200, Anchorage, AK 99503 907-563-8866	Support for direct shareholders

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
Chugachmiut Burial Assistance Program 1840 Bragaw Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99508-3463 907-562-4155 1-800-478-4155 Fax: 907-563-2891 Toll-Free Fax: 1-800-793-2891 https://www.chugachmiut.org/social-services/general-assistance/ https://www.chugachmiut.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Burial-Assistance.pdf https://www.chugachmiut.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Chugachmiut-Burial-Assistance-Program.pdf	Chenega, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seward, and Tatitlek
Cook Inlet Tribal Council Burial Assistance 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 907-793-3300 Toll Free: 1-877-985-5900 FAX: 907-793-3394 etsd@citci.org https://citci.org/assistance/ https://citci.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Burial-Assistance-Application.pdf	Proof of residency is required unless deceased was a CIRI shareholder or their descendants. Service area of Anchorage includes north to, but not including Eklutna, and south to Portage.
Eyak, Native Village of 110 Nicholoff Way, P.O. Box 1388, Cordova, AK 99574-1388 907-424-7738 Fax: 907-424-7739 https://www.eyak-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BIA_Burial_Assistance_Application_FINAL_NVE_2020.pdf	Cordova
Fairbanks Native Association Funeral and Burial Assistance Karen Eddy 319 First Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701 907-452-5225 Fax: 907-452-6355	Fairbanks and North Pole
Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government General Assistance / Burial Assistance Program Maggie John General Assistance Manager 907-662-2581	Fort Yukon

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
Iliamna Village Council BIA Welfare and Burial Assistance Louise Anelon Tribal Administrator 907-571-1246 or 907-571-3532 FAX: 907-571-3539 ivc@iliamnavc.org or louise.anelon@iliamnavc.org https://www.villageofiliamna.org/programs	Iliamna
Kawerak, Inc. Tribal Welfare Assistance Department Burial Assistance Program 500 Seppala Drive, Nome, AK 99762 1-800-478-5230 907-443-4370 welfare@kawerak.org https://kawerak.org/supportive-services/welfare-assistance/	Brevig Mission, Council, Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, King Island, Koyuk, Mary's Igloo, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, and White Mountain
Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT) Burial Assistance Program 1001 Mission Avenue, Kenai, AK 99611 907-335-7600 https://www.kenaitze.org/services/burial/	Cooper Landing, Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, and Sterling
Kotzebue, Native Village Tribal Family Service Department P.O. Box 296, Kotzebue, AK 99752 907-442-3467 Fax: 907-442-4013 https://www.kotzebueira.org/wp-content/uploads/Burial-assistance-application-information.pdf	Kotzebue
Maniilaq Association Workforce Development P.O. Box 256, Kotzebue, AK 99752 907-442-7021 Fax: 1-866-832-9350 etprogram@maniilaq.org https://www.maniilaq.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Burial-Assistance-Application.pdf	Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak
Mekoryuk, Native Village of Burial Assistance P.O. Box 66, Mekoryuk, AK 99630 907-827-8827 or 907-827-8828 Fax: 907-827-8133 admin@mekoryuktc.org http://www.mekoryuktc.org/	Mekoryuk

Tribal Burial Assistance Resources

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
Nima Corporation Shareholder Assistance Dale T. Smith, Sr. Administrative Specialist P.O. Box 52, Mekoryuk, AK 99630 Fax: 907-827-8639 dsmith@nimacorporation.com https://www.nimacorporation.com/shareholder-services/	Mekoryuk
Ninilchik Village Tribe (NVT) Social Services Alicia Morris, Social Service Specialist P.O. Box 39070, Ninilchik, AK 99639 907-567-3313 amorris@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov https://www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov/tribal-services/#burial_assistance	Anchor Point, Clam Gulch, Kasilof, and Ninilchik
Nome Eskimo Community 200 W. 5th Avenue P.O. Box 1090, Nome, AK 99762 907-443-2246 Fax: 907-443-9144 https://www.necalaska.org/programs/tribal-services/	Nome
Northway Burial Assistance P.O. Box 516, Northway, AK 99764 907-778-2311 https://northwayvillagecouncil.org/social-services/	Northway
Nulato Tribal Council Human Services Department Burial Assistance P.O. Box 65049, Nulato, AK 99765 907-898-2339 http://www.nulatotribe.net/home-2/human-services-department/	Nulato
Orutsararmiut Native Council Burial Assistance P.O. Box 927, 117 Alex Hatley Drive, Bethel, AK 99559 907-543-2608 FAX: 907-543-2639 Toll Free: 1-800-478-2654 https://nativecouncil.org/burial/	Bethel

Tribe / Tribal Organization	Serves these Tribes/Villages
Pedro Bay Benefits Corporation (501(c)(3)) Funeral Assistance Sara Fields 721 Depot Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501 907-521-9993 or 907-740-0884 sara@pedrobay.org https://pedrobay.org/burial	Pedro Bay Corporation's shareholders and registered descendants
Point Hope, Native Village of Funeral Assistance 916 Ippiq Street P.O. Box 109, Point Hope, AK 99766 907-368-2330 Fax: 907-368-2332	Point Hope
Sitka Tribe of Alaska Social Services Department Funeral Benefit Assistance https://www.sitkatribes.org/uploads/cms/SocialServicesForms/Funeral%20Assistance%20App.pdf	Sitka
Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Family Services & Support Hannah Jo Eligibility Specialist 122 1st Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701 1-800-478-6822, ext. 3414 907-452-8251, ext. 3414 FAX: 907-459-3870	Alatna, Allakaket, Anvik, Arctic Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Dot Lake, Eagle, Evansville, Galena, Grayling, Healy Lake, Holy Cross, Hughes, Huslia, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Lake Minchumina, Manley Hot Springs, McGrath, Minto, Nenana, Nikolai, Rampart, Ruby, Shageluk, Stevens Village, Takotna, Tanacross, Telida, Tetlin, Tok, and Venetie
Tatitlek Corporation 561 E. 36th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503 907-278-4000 Fax: 907-278-4050 https://www.tatitlek.com/burial-assistance/	Tatitlek
Valdez Native Tribe Burial Assistance 1750 Eiger Drive, P.O. Box 1108, Valdez, AK 99686 907-835-4951	Valdez

Support Services

ANMC Patient Experience

(907) 729-3990

A Patient Experience Specialist helps to support, navigate, and connect families to resources.

ANMC Child Life Specialist

(907) 729-1033

Clinically trained in the developmental impact of illness, injury, and loss. Can help children, youth and families cope with the stress of loss and bereavement.

ANMC Behavioral Health Urgent Response Team

(907) 729-5259

Behavioral Health Professionals who are trained to assess, diagnose, provide support, and make recommendations for youth and adults presenting in crisis and having trouble coping with grief and loss.

ANMC Religious and Spiritual Services

(907) 563-2662

Assistance of professional Clergy can be requested from your care team or nursing station. The Clergy will be selected on basis of your religious preference and Clergy availability. Services they provide include (but are not limited to) baptisms, prayer, end-of life support, grief counseling.

ANTHC Behavioral Health Wellness Clinic

ANTHC Behavioral Health Wellness Clinic offers behavioral health counseling for individuals or group sessions for all Tribal health beneficiaries regardless of where you live.

1. Call 1-833-642-2492, or
2. Ask your provider for a referral, or
3. Visit anthc.org/bhwc to fill out an intake form.

Alaska 2-1-1

Regardless of where you live in Alaska, 2-1-1 is your one stop resource for connecting with a wide variety of services in your community. These services include food, shelter, educational counseling, grief support, death certification / burial arrangements, family support, and overall resource navigation.



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